PRICE 824 PER MONTH 號一月二英華香 HONGKONG, TUISDAY, ELBAUARY 18T. 1887. 日九初月正年三十福光 號五十七零千九爷 MOT CRS TO CO SET NOT CES TO CONSIGNARY. AUCTIOUS FROM GLASGOW, LONDON, PENANG. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. PUBLIC AUCTION AND SINGAPORE. ORIENTAL BANK THE NEW to Sell by Public Aperion, on TANE. CRAWFORD & Co. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND I HE Steamship CORPORATION. LIMITED. SINGAPORE. January 30, Tarvuly, British Steamer, 1,234, PIANO AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT. AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000 WEDNESDAY, the 2nd February, 1887, at 2 p.m., at his FITHE Steamship Of Acres W. M. Dodd, Nagasaki 26th Jan., Coals .having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees PAID UP -NEW MUSIC-BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE. of Cargolby her are hereby informed that their "ARRATOON APCAR," Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, This Department has been greatly enlarged, Registered Office, 40, THREADNEEDLE STREET January 30, Amoy, British steamer, 814, R. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, and is now, and will continue to be, one of

DRAWING ROOM SUITE, MARKI

IRON BEDSTEADS, MATTRESSES

AN INVOICE

The above will be on vice WEDNESDAY

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
G. B. LAMMERT,

Hongkong, 31st January, 3897.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1886.

Hongkong, 21st January, 3887.

China from this date.

the 1st January, 1887.

Auctioneer,

E. JONES HUGHES,

PUSTAU & Co.

HAHN, PIRON & Co.

HAHN, PIRON & Co.

OFFIRM

SHIP on the 1st January, 1887, as SHARE

NOTICE.

WE Have This Day authorized Mr.

NOTICE:

TR. FRIEDRICH ALEXANDE

MANN, and MR. JUSTUS FRIEDRICH

HEINRICH HEYN have been admitted

PARTNERS in our Firm in Hongkong and

Hongkong & China, 1st January, 1887. |86

NOTICE:

Mr. GEORGE SACHSE has been admitted

B PARTNER in our Firm from the 1st of January,

Hongkong, 14th January, 1887.

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHARTHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that

elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

IN THE AFTERNOON or so soon afterwards

RESOLUTION.

The following Article shall be substituted

less than \$1,000,000 nor more than \$1,500,000.

for Article No. 112, namely:-112,-The

of \$1,000,000 the General Managers and

from time to time so much of the profits as

they may deem desirable to the Reserve

Fund until the said Fund shall amount to

the sum of \$1,500,000 provided always that

such annual appropriation shall not exceed

The following Article shall be substituted

for Article No. 115, namely :-115 .- The said

Reserve Fund shall if practicable be main-

tained at a sum of not less than \$1,000,000

nor more than \$1,500,000 and the whole of

shall, subject to such annual Bonus as

the General Managers may (as they are

hereby empowered to do) apply in maintain-

ing the Reserve Fund at a sum of not less

than \$1,000,000 and less also such portion

or portions (if any) thereof as may from

time to time be applied in increasing the

said Reserve Fund under Article 112 be

divisible amongst the Sharebolders generally

according to the number of Shares held by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited

HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC

SPORTS.

1887, at 6 P.M., for the purpose of Receiving

Accounts, Electing Officers, and arranking the

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

For the Committee 1886,

H. F. HAYLLAR

Hongkong, 31st January, 1887.

Programme for This Year's Sports.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1897.

General Managers.

aforesaid and less such portion or portious

the future accruing profits of the Company

10 per Cent, of the said profits.

(b.) The following Article shall be substituted

manner following :-

N N. J. EZRA.

JAPANESE WARE

DESKS, &c., &c.,

MORNING.

1 COOKING RANGE.

TOP TABLES. CARD TABLE CAMP

Kohler, Whampon 30th January, General. our lending branches; our present stock is the -Stemesen & Co. largest and best asserted in China, and Junuary 30, Pidello, German steamer, 852, H. comprises:-Brock, Penang and Singapore 21st January, ALL THE NEWEST SONGS, DUETS and PART General.-WIELER & Co. ...

Japuary 31, TANNADICE, British steamer, 1,408, ALL THE LATEST DANCE MUSIC, H. Craig, Sydney 8th January, Brisbane ALL THE MODERN DEAWING ROOM SOLO 10th, Townsville 13th, Cooktown 14th, AND DUETS. Thursday Island 17th, and Port Darwin Sacrad Music. Classical Music

21st, Goporal.—Russerr & Co. Violin Solos. Popular Music January 31, Bonneo, Dutch steamer, 1,433, Violin and Piano Duets Standard Music Tutors' Exercises and Progressive pieces for Wilkins, Amoy 30th January, General .beginners. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. VOLUMES: Volumes of Songs, Volumes of January 31, TAICHIOW, British steamer, 862, J. Piano Soles, Volumes of Dance Music and Newton, Bangkok 24th January, General. Volumes of Classical Mu-ic.

-YUEN FAT HONG. January 31, MARIE, German steamer, 707, W. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Schaefer, Haiphong 29th January, General, Hongkong, 5th January, 1887. -A. R. Marty.

ELLY & WALSH, LIMITED. CLEARANCES. Lord Brassey's Naval Annual. AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, Lord Selborne's Defence of Church of En gland

31ST JANUARY. Mill's Poverty and the State. Timtallon, British steamer, for Singapore. "Drat the Boys" by Max O'Rell. Busulo, British bark, for Tientsin. Christmas Numbers of "Truth" and "The Glenfrain, British steamer, for Shanghai. Decima, German steamer, for Saigon. Xmas Numbers of Belgravia, London Society Lectes, British steamer, for Amoy. Whampon, British steamer, for Saigon.

Gentleman's Magazine. Mrs. Beston's Christmas Annual. Almanack de Gotha, 1887. How to be happy though Married. Abney's "Treatise on Photography." Beginner's Guide to Photography. Ball's "Elements of Astronomy." January 31, PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British The Science of the Hand. The Philadelphia Cook Book. The Dragon, Image and Domon; or the three January 31, GLENFRUIN, British steamer, for

Religions of China. Bithel's "Counting House Dictionary." Theory and Practice of Banking, by Macleod. Elements of Banking, by Macleod. Hewitt's "Diseases of Women." William's "Manual of Telegraphy." Also Just Received

WHITTAKERS'S ALMANACS FOR 1837. KELLY & WALSH, LD., HONGKONG.

January 31, Kaisow, British str., for Shanghai. 24: January 31, Mreroo, Chinese str., for Shanghai: BREWER HAS RECEIVED THE Whitaker's Almanacks. Swinging Waltz, Love's Dreamland Waltz. Mine Alone Waltz, Loveland Echoes Waltz Little Soldiers Vocal Waltz, Bucaliosi's Dorothy Waltz, Southern Breeze Waltz. India Rubber Handles for Tennis Bats. Very handsome Fans in all Colours. Per Tannadice, str., from Australia.-Mr, and Winsor & Newton's Oil Colour Boxes, all sizes. Mrs. Burns, Messrs. W. E. and A. G. White (2)

Field Sketching Companion.
Oil Sketching Blocks. Hotten and Guns Diary. Rontledge's New Picture National History. Par Taichiow, str. from Bangkok,-Mr. E Mark Twain's Huck Finn. Per Marie, str., from Haiphong.-Mr. and Recordis Operas for Piano. Mrs. Sales and servants, Capt. T. W. Lewis, and London Society, Tinsleys Bestons and other Christmas Annuals. Perforated Lamp Shades in all Colours. Per Esmeralda, str., for Manila. - Messrs. E New Framed Oil Paintings. S. Probst, J. T. Cassels, and Carlos de Ribera. Quantities of New cheap Literature.

New Men's Calf Shoes, Kid Shoes with broad toes, Patent Leather Shoes and Pumps, Tennis Shoes, Tennis Buts. Piatios for Sale or Hire very cheap. W. BREWER, Queen's UNDER HUNGRONG HOTEL.

of the CHINESE TRANSPORT "WAN-

Lightship bearing
North 26 ° 24' West (Magnetic), Distant

NOW READY.

THE KUNG HO CHIH YU WALTZ,

published by

Shangbai.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO

STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY FIRST ORDINARY

SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be

held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's

February, at THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTER-

NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a statement of

Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 20th instant to the

NOTICE.

THE SPACIOUS PREMISES known as

I. the HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY

A SPACIOUS DRYING ROOM AND YARD,

FOR SALE:

HORIZONTAL STEAM ENGINE & BOILER

MCALPINE WASHING MACHINE for

and Inland Lots Nos. 742 & 743, upon which it

stands, measuring about 24,000 square feet.

COMPANY (LIMITED), comprising

A SIX ROOMED DWELLING,

LEASE

T. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Hongkong, 13th January, 1887.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING

A. M. BISBEE.

Const Inspector.

7 7-10 the nautical miles.

Imperial Maritime Customs.

Coast Inspector's Office.

Shanghai, 26th January, 1987.

12th January, 1867.

2nd February inclusive.

Heavy Work.

and 3 Japanese. For Murscilles.-Mr. H. W. H. Stevens .- For Trieste .- Mr. R. W. Tallico. NOTICE TO MARINERS. From Shanghai. For Venice. Mrs. Thalers For London via Marssilles.—Mrs. Jardein, Mrs. No. 4. SPECIAL. A. H. Harris, and Mr. W: M. Lang. CHINA SEA. SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

 ${f REPORTS}$ The British steamer Taichow, from Bangkok | TOTICE is hereby given that the WREC

24th January, reports had moderate S. and S.W. winds to Pulo Condore; thence to port strong MIEN CHING" lies snuk in Three Fathous mon-con and fine, clear weather. at low water, spring tides, with the Tungsha

AMOY SHIPPING. ARRIVALS. Jacuary-

January-

Kutsung, British steamer, for Shanghai.

Cyclops, British steamer, for Singapore.

Memling, British steamer, for Singapore.

str., for Bangkok.

Shangbai,

DEPARTURES.

January 31, NURNBERG, German steamer, for

January 31, MEMLING, Brit. str., for Singupore.

Junuary 31, Decima, German str., for Saigon.

January 31, Stattin, Ger. str., for Yokohama.

January 31, Cyclors, Brit. str., for Singapore.

January 31, Kutsane, Brit. str., for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

Per Borneo, str., from Amoy,-30 Chinese.

Per Fidelio, str., from Penang, &c.-107 Chi

A. Macintosh, H. W. H. Stevens, and W

TO DEPART.

gapore. - Rev. and Mrs. Müller, Major and Mrs.

Manners Kerr, Capts. Wright and Philip. Mrs.

Leavitt and Mrs. Greeley, Mr. C. Gestenhofer.

Per Malwa, str , from Hongkong .- For Sin-

Waeger, 59 Chinese and I Malay.

Sommers, and 10 Chinese.

Mr. Hebert, and 19 Chinese.

19, Johanna Kremer, Ger. sch., from Chefoo 20. Fokien, British str., from Hongkong. 20, Namoa, British str., from Hongkong. 20, Haiphong, British str., from Focchow. 21, Formosa, British str., from Hongkong. 22. Thales, British str., from Hongkong. 22. Hai Kiang, Chinese g-b., from Foodpow. 23, Borneo, Dutch str., from Hongkong. 24. Tantallon, British str., from Shanghai. 25. Namoa, British str., from Fouchow. 25. Cheang Hock Kiso, Brit. str., from H'kong. 25, Esser, Amr. corv., from Hongkong.

19, Aberdeen, Chi. steam-launch, for Shanghai. THE PIANOFORTE AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE, 20. Namos, British str., for Foodhow. 20. Wenchow, British str., for Swatow. 20. Fokien, British str., for Tamsui. 20, Haiphong, British str., for Swatow. 20, Duburg, German str., for Swatow. 21, Omega, British bark, for Singapore 21, Formosa, British str, for Swatow. 22, Vladimir Monomach, Rus. frig., for S'pore. 22. Thales, British str., for Foothow. 22. Fei-hoo, Customs str., for Formosa. 25. Guaymas, German back, for Taiwanfoo, 25, Namos, British str., for Swatow.

SHANGHAI SELPPING.

ARRIVALS. January-18. Kiang-teen, Chinesa str., from Ningpo. 18, Nagoya Maru, Jap. str., from Japan. 18, Tsuruga Maru, Jap. str., from Nagusaki. 18, Kwang-lee, Chinese str., from Hongkong. 8. Taiwo, British str., from Hankow. 18, Kutsang, British str., from Hongkong. 19. Swatow, British str., from Swatow. 19. Tai-yuen, British str., from Glasgow. 19. Chungking, British str., from Ningpo. 20, Kiang-kwan, Chineso str., from Hankow 20, Tamsni, British str., from Taiwanfoo. 20, Ningpo, British str., from Hongkong. 20. Kiangteen, Chinese str., from Ningpo. 21. Changking, British str., from Ningpo. 21, Hever, German str., from Nagasaki. 21. Taku. British str., from Foochow. 21, Nepaul, British str., from Hongkong. 21, Hideyoshi Maru, Jap. str., from K'notzu. 21. Decealion, British str., from Liverpool. 21, Sin Nanzing, British str., from Chefoo. 21, Activa, German steamer, from Nagasaki.

21, Pekin, British steamer, from Hankow. 21, W. C. de Vries British str., from Hankow. anuary-DEPARTURES. 18, Feilung, British str., for Nagasaki. 18, Kinng-yu, Chinese str., for Hankow. 18. Yoritomo Marn, Jap. str., for Kobe. 18. Paumbon, British str., for Chickia g. 18, Kinng-teen, Chinese str., for Ningrio. 19, Lancefield, British bark, for Manila. 19. Sual, British str., for Hankow. 19. Ingo. German steamer, for Nagasaki. 19. Chungking, British str , for Ningpo. -19. Neckar, German str., for Bremen. 19. Fu-yaw. Chinese steamer, for Foochow. 20: Fried. Krupp. German str., for Nagasaki. 20. Volga, French str., for Hongkong. 20, Teiwo, British tr., for Hankow.

20, Tantallon, Drillish str., for New York.

20, Kiang-kwan, Chinese str., for Hankow.

21. Kutsang, British str., for Hongkong.

21, Kiang-teen, Chinese str., for Ningpo.

20, Swntow, British sir., for Chelco.

2 ROTARY WASHING MACHINES for Family Work. 1 DASH WHEEL RINSING MACHINE. 1 CENTRIFUGAL MACHINE for WRINGING. I NEST OF FOUR COPPER BOILERS. 1 STARCHING MACHINE. 1 ROLLER WRINGING MACHINE. 20, Daniel I Tenny, Amr. ship, for Nagasaki, 2 IRON STOVES for HEATING IRONS. horses. L DECONDUN IRONING MACHINE. 20, Tsuruga Maru, Japanese str., for Jinson.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1887.

1 COMPLETE DRYING CLOSET with twenty I MANGLE with driving and reversing gear. A. O. D. GOURDIN, Manager.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES. THE BANK receives money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange,

PICTURES. &c. Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Pusiness generally on terms to be had on application. and CROCKERY WARE, &c., &c., Interest allowed on Deposits Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum

Fixed for 6 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
Fixed for 3 months, 8 per Cent. per Annum.
On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance. APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the VASES, JARS, BREAKFAST, TEA-SETS, OPERAS: -Vocal Scores, Piane Scores, Violin BALANCES of such Claims purchased on

advantageous terms. Agency of the NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE 26 SOCKETY. H. A. HERBERT. Manager, Hongkong Branch. Hongkong, 31st May, 1886.

T TONGKONG& SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

RESERVE FOR EQUALISATION OF ? 200,000. DIVIDENDS RESERVELIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS 7,500,000. Firm "HUGHES & EZRA." COURT OF DIRECTORS :--Chairman-A. McIver, Esq.

Deputy Chairman-M. GROTE, Esq. H. Hopplus, Esq. E. H. M. Huntington, Esq. C. D. Bottomley, Esq. H. L. Dolrymple, Esq. Hon A. P. Mollwon. W. H. F. Darby, Esq. Hon. F. D. Sassoon. Uhief Managre. Hongkong-Thomas Jackson, Esq. ACTING CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong-JOHN WALTER, Esq. MANAGER. Shanghai-Ewen Cameron, Esq. LONDON BANKERS-LONDON & COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG-INTEREST ALLOWED. On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the daily balanco. On Fixed Deposits:-

For 3 months 3 per Cent. per Annum. For 6 mouths 4 per Cent. per Annum. For 12 months 5 per Cent. per Annum. LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. DEAFTS granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India. Australia. America. China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager. Hongkoug, 28th August, 1886.

NOTICE. DULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.-The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10. to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

S .- Depositors in the Savings Bank having the 22nd day of February, 1887, at 12 30 or THE \$100 or more at their credit may at their option | CLOCK IN THE APTERNOON to receive a Statetransfer the same to the Hongkong and Shang. ment of Accounts to the 31st December, 1886 hat Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for the Report of the General Managers, and to 12 months at 5 per cent, per annum interest. 4.—Interest at the rate of 34 per cent. per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their same place and in the same day at 12.45 o'clock daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis as the Ordinary Annual Meeting shall be conwith a Pass-Book, which must be presented with cluded, an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must ME TING of the tempany will be held for not make any entries themselves in their Pass- the purpose of passing the subjoined resolution. Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of majority it will be submitted for confirmation January and beginning of July. 6 .- Correspondence as to the business of the ORDINA Y BLEWTING which will be subsequently Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings Bank" convened. BUSINESS is forwarded free by the various

British Post Offices in Hongkong and China 7.-Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of (a. his Pass-Book are necessary. For the Hongeong and Shanghai Bank-

ING CORPORATION. JOHN WALTER,

Acting Chief Manager. Hongkong, 8th May, 1885.

THE FEIHOO WALTZES. WANTED. R. C. PASSMORE. SYDENHAM MOUTRIE,

DETACHED HOUSE or BUNGALOW on the upper level, containing Five ROOMS, with TENNIS GROUND if possible. 163 Immediate Possession or from the 1st August next, and could be taken for a long term, if required Care of Daily Press Office.

> Hongkong, 18th January, 1887. WANTED.—EUROPEAN BARMAID for 2nd Class Hotel.

Daily Press Office. Road Central, TO-MORROW, the 2nd Hongkong. 28th January, 1887.

WANTED.

FAMILY RESIDENCE of 5 or 6 Rooms, DETACHED HOUSE, with Immediate Possession or Later. Address,

Hongkong, 6th January, 1887. HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING A OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company No. 14, Praya ENTLEMEN interested in ATHLETICS Report of the Directors and Statement of Clab WO MODE Accounts to December 1 Property to De Central, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, Accounts to December 31st, 1886. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors. D. GILLIES, Secretary. Hongkong, 20th January, 1887.

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, (LIMITED),

Hongkong, 29th January, 1887.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. ONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. requested to send in their Bills of Lading ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY to the undersigned for countersignature, and MEETING or SHAREHOLDERS in take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been be left in the Godowns where they will be the above Company will be held at the Com- landed and stored at their risk and expense. pany's Office, No. 4. CLUB CHAMBERS, on No Fire Insurance has been effected. Ex "ROMANUL" and "MELBOURNE." CUESDAY, the 8th February, 1887, at 4 P.M.;

A. O'D. GOURDIN,

31 1/190 | Order. G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Hongkong, 9rd January 1887.

Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the the property of a centleman leaving the colony Undersigned whence and/or from the wharves or boats delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-MORROW, the 28th instant. Cargo remaining undelivered after-the 3rd 2 GRAND PIANOS by JOHN BROADWOOD February will be subject to rent. DINING TABLES, PLATED, GLASS . No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, 27th January, 1887. POCONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, be entertained after the 30th instant. EX O. S.S. CO.'S S.S. "LAERTES," FROM LIVERPOOL.

HIPPING Orders must be obtained from an Undersigned not later than the 2nd Prox. for shipment per steamer "ACHILLES." BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents: Hongkong, 31st January, 1857. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. ONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer charged into Craft, and/or landed at the Go-

downs of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 30th inst. Goods undelivered after the 6th Prox., wil FIHE Undersigned will enter into PARTNERbe subject to Rent. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. AND GENERAL BROKERS ander the Style or

Hongkong, 31st January, 1887. THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE. SHE Company's Steamship

having arrived from the above Ports, Consigness SCHROTER to Sign our Firm per procuration. 199 of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns. of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. VA ALFRED BUESING BROECKEL-

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 5th Proxime, or they will not be No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any

Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 5t Proximo, will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary he given before 5 F.M. THE INTREEST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by LOUIS PIRON in our Firm CHASED on ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agenta

> Hongkong, 20th January, 1887. UNION LINE. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM LONDON. PENANG, AND SINGAPORE. HE Standship

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Captain Titzek, having arrived from the above Ports, Consigness of Cargo are hereby re quested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-

Eighteenth ORDINARY ANNUAL side. MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the The steamer is berthed at the Kowloon Piers, 1 1 HE 3/3 L II Norwegian Bark 2.—Sums less than St, or more than \$250 at above named Company will be held at the Com- and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at one time will not be received. No depositor hany's Office situate in Peddar's Street, Victoria, once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year. in the Colony of Hongkong, on TUESDAY, expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected. All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 4th Prox., or they will not be recognized. RUSSELL & Co., AND NOTICE is hereby also given that at the

Hongkong, 25th January, 1887. FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE. THE Steamship

"BELLONA." Captain Schäfer, having arrived from the above Should the resolution be passed by the required to send in their Bills of Lading for counter- of cargo by her are hereby informed that their ASA SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO A SECOND EXTRAsignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before TO-That the Articles of Association be altered in DAY, the 29th instant, at NOON. Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Kowlcon l'ier for Article No. 111, namely :-- 111 .-- The and Godown Co. and stored at Consignees' risk Reserve Bund shall consist of a sum of not | and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th February, will be sub-Reserved Fund having how reached the sum | ject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are the Consulting Committee may appropriate be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th February, at 4 P.M.

> SIEMSSEN & Co., Hongkong, 29th January, 1887 NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA | having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees FLORIO AND RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM (MARSEILLES), GENOA, NA-

PLES, MESSINA, PORT SAID, SUEZ ADEN, BOMBAY, PENANG, COLOMBO, & SINGAPORE. (if any) thereof (not exceeding in any year THE Steamship 30 per Cent, of the profits of such year) as

"ARCHIMEDE," having arrived to-day from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OFIUM, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of Messrs. MEXRE & Co., Wanchai, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods 5th Febr azy, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 5th February, will be subject to rent. CARLOWITZ & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1887. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The above named steamer having arrived, Consignoes of Cargo are hereby imformed that

their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and 1249 stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery! may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be landed here in Hongkong unless notice to the contrary be given Lot, No. 78A, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

before 4 P.M. TO-DAY, the 30th instant. have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 6th February, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to daily. examined on Tuesday, the 5th February, at

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Iongkong, 30th Janu.

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BIRTHS. At 53, Broadway, Hongkew, Shanghai, on the 22nd January, the wife of Capt. W. POTTS, of a son. At 17, Queen's road, on the 31st January, the wife of E. L. REUTEE, of a daughter. MARRIAGES.

At the Shanghai Cathedral, by the Roy. H. C. Hodges, on the 15th January, ARTHUR PRESCOTT, second son of the late John Prescott Wood, Solicitor, York, to CATHERINE SARAH, eldest daughter of On the 22nd January, at the Russian Consulate,

by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., Mart Robertson, eldest daughter of John Harper, Esq., Glasgow, to Gilbert McInforn, Chinese Book and Tract Society. The LIST OF RESIDENTS now contains the names of Thirteen Thousand and Five Hundred Foreigness arranged under one Alphabet in the strictest third daughter of the late John McLood, of Allea,

On the 16th December, at the Middlesex Hospital. The MAPS and PLANS have been mostly London, whither the deceased had gone for special re-engraved in a superior style and brought up treatment, Mr. James Parker, late First Clerk at the Magistracy of this colony, after a long and most On the 4th December, 1886, on board the French Mail steamer Ocur, and buried next day in the Red Sea, Don Alexgo Muncanini, lately Spanish Consul

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 18T, 14K7. THE publication of the report of the Acting move in the right direction. The only cause for surprise is that the reports of previous years have not been made public, for there are few of the Government departments in which the public is more interested than the Fire Department, or as to which it is more important the fullest possible information Scales of Commissions and Charges adopted by Whould be given. Fire is a danger to which we are greatly exposed in Hongkong for several months in the year, in consequence of the dry and rarefied atmosphere of the winter months. Owing partly to the gradual imof closely printed matter, to which reference is provement in the style of building and partly to the increased efficiency of the Fire Bri gade, there is reason to hope that the colony will never again witness such a conflagration as that of Christmas, 1878, when street after street fell before the flames. Nevertheless we must be prepared for a crop of fires every winter, and it is to the Fire Brigades we have to look to confine the flames withit narrow limits. At one or two recent fires the danger of the flames leaping across the street and igniting the woodwork on the opposite side has been brought prominently into view. It was in this way that the fire of 1878 secured its hold, and there is reason to fear that with another fire under similar atmospheric conditions the conflagration might again spread as that did" no: withstanding the confidence expressed by the firemen that their appliances and organisation are now such that they would always he able to confine the fiames at least to one block. Mr. Banwan says in his report adequate not only as regards machinery, but also numerically, but when it is borne in mind that not more than half of the Europeans are available at any one fire, and that in order to reach the elevation required, it houses were wholly destroyed and one part- to be got. The man who was captured was before a most unprecedented number, and I think, may than over, the necessary strength for a grow. the Po Lok Theatre, Hollywood-road, Fepast year there were no less than 112 fires burnt to death. A fire at No. 67, Bonham and slarms, and on several occasions there Strand West, on the 19th December, did either one or both of the fires have providen- Queen's-road West, on the 17th December, tially been extinguished at the outset. The to the extent of \$16,000; and one at No. 3 heen put to the test of having to extent of \$12,000. In none of the other cope with more than one serious fire cases did the damage reach \$5,000. Owing to the bad weather prevailing be ought to know semething about its state of at the same time since the memorable con. The total damage reported is \$126,411, tween 8 and 9 c'clock the ceremony did not efficiency in musketry. I quite agree with Co. The subjoined telegrams are taken from our flagration of 1878, which, starting from one excluding the cases in which it is take place at the time appointed. The lonel Anderson that there is hardly any other point, spread in various directions. What set down as slight or trifling, for which men were paraded, but in consequence of a this regiment in proficiency at rifle shooting. would happen in the event of two serious fires no figures have been given. Considering occurring simultaneously, one towards the how numerous fires have been during the eastern and the other towards the western past year the colony has reason to congraextremity of the city? This is a contingency tulate itself that the damage has been so which, although we may hope it is remote, is small, and the Brigades, both Government ret one that ought to be taken account of. In the event of its occurrence it is to be four on the efficiency this fact argues them posed that there would be a breakdown of the fire extinguishing arrangements. If the force were divided the sections might possibly short of perfection, and under certain condi- up in double line extending from one end the better for it. The shooting at the field claring war. prove too weak to effectually cope with either tions more than the whole of the damage of to the other of the Cricket Ground. outbreak; if it were kept united the only last year might be wrought in a single day. course would be to prevent the spread of one

of the fires by destroying the surrounding houses by means of explosives, a course entailing very serious lose. has been proved several times, as Mr. BREWER | portions. There ought to be no halting halfremarks, by theadvanced state which the con- | way on the road to complete efficiency of orflagration had reached on the arrival of the ganisation. The colony is moreover increasfirst engine. As an instance of the efficiency ing, and the Fire department must advance of the Brigades, Mr. Berwes justly mentions with it. We need only refer to the developthat at the recent fire which occurred in ment of Kowloon and the large amount of Bonbam Strand on a Sunday afternoon, with. valuable goods stored there as one indicain the space of a few minutes of the alarm tion of the increased calls which usy posbeing sounded thirteen powerful jets of water sibly be made on the Fire Brigades.

were playing upon the burning houses. In that case the alarm was sounded promptly, and any one who witnessed the way in which the fire was coped with would willi gly confor the work. In the recent fire in Second. for this port. street, however, the case was very different. Second-street is well to the westward, and steamer Belgie, with the American mail of the not only was it a considerable time before the engines could be got into position, but being also a little up the hill, the firemen their hands for more than a few minutes ed at Kowlcon docks on Saturday afternoon, the before they could get water. With the 5th inst. castward, it would seem that the time has arrived when the Government Fire Brigade demand. should be divided into district sections, say 122 one steam engine should be kept at the head quarters of each section. In the event of a do so. fire occurring at either extremity of the town there would then be a regularly organised ance or not as the case required. In many Pinafore" will be placed on the boards. small fires the section would be able to do the work without assistance, and the pre-

sent system of sounding a general alarm Sir John Pope Honnessy, Governor of Mauritius, for every little fire might be discontinued. being suspended for greating a breach between As the members of the Government Brigade have all other duties, most of the Europeans being policemen, it is evidently undesirable they should be called off to fires and the total policements and the should be called off to fires and the total policements and the should be called off to fires and the should be called off to fire and the should be called off unnecessarily. The Volunteer Fire Brigade might hold itself in readiness for any general slares, and with the cortainty that the case was a serious one the whole of the members would probably turn out, whereas with the present system the idea that it may Charles Wood, Barrister-at-law, St. Stophen's Square, be only a chimney on fire is calculated to deter some of the lukewarm members from ates is not known outside; but as a commence-Shanghai, by the Rev. Father Pitter, and afterwards at Trinity Cathedrai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., JULIUS EUGEN REDING, Imperial Russian ed at is to get at a fire at once, before it has Consul, to Many Augusta, youngest daughter of Frederick Nicholson, Esq., of Jamaica. No cards.

At the Cathedrai, Shanghai, on the 22nd January, of centralisation is defective, and the sectional system we recommend would, we conceive, prove more useful. It appears also from Mr. Bagwan's report that he has made a suggestion to the Government with regard to telephonic communication, in order to secure more promptitude in alarms. The details of this suggestion are not set out in or levy an execution on the goods of those the report, and we are unable therefore to form an epinion as to how it would work if carried into effect, but any suggestion tending to secure earlier notice of a fire deserves very careful consideration, and this Mr. ter-Resident. Brewer's suggestion will no doubt receive

at the hands of the Government, There is another suggestion, now many years old, which ought to be urged until the Government is induced to adopt it, and that is that the post of Superintendent of the Fire Brigade ought always to be held by a properly trained man specially engaged for it. and ought no longer to be looked upon as an appointment which may be conferred on any member of the Civil Service whose emoluments it is desired to increase. "It has generally been held by one of the Police magnificent vessel of 4,368 tons gross register; Magistrates, although there is no necessary connection between knowledge of the law and the qualities necessary in such a position as that of Fire Master. In the case of armed attack on a louis in the village of Kung caiving this shield on behalf of the Regiment I Mr. Brewer un exception was made, and we mati, and the thieves carried off what property conditions should be carried out to the letter. trust this may be taken as an indication that there was in the house of an easily portable. The rest remains with you, and I trust you will in future the appointment, in the absence nature and of sufficient value. The inmates of all strive to the utmost to get your names inof a man specially engaged for it, will always be given to the person in the service who appears best qualified to discharge the rested two memployed Chinese named Lau Alai very handsome one, of solid bronze, with a silver Stanley-road with the planks when he saw a perial Cabinet. duties, irrespective of whether or not some and Wong Ahnug, one of them in possession of wreath of leaves worked upon the front of it. other official may be deemed to have a prior claim to an addition to his empluments. No. nised as part of the stelen property. The tenant in asking you to present this cup to A Company called to the second man, who was close by, to thing less than the engagement of a specially trained man will, however, be entirely satis- fore, only charged with unlawful possession of all military acquirements. Though training in from the Tytam Waterworks. by inviting contributions from all the Fire before the Police Court yesterday, and was re- his skill in the use of his weapon will be his in gad, and the second a month's hard labour. Insurance Companies, home as well as local, is a noticeable and most unsatisfactory thing strides made by the bittalion in musketry last ratter chair, the property of P.C. Phelps, at very well employ the whole of his time in the organisation of the brigades in the yillages as well as in the city and in attending to the general details of what about 5.30 the occupant of the hut, Im Asin, was the annual musketry course last year has been ought to be looked upon as a very important awakened from his sleep by heuring some knock- over 177 points per man. I find that at the end department. The figures appended to Mr. Brewer's report show what the extent of immediately three men armed with Chinese and 140 third class shots. This result, compared the work, as regards actual fires, is. There were, as already mentioned, no less than 112 fast round the body while the other two tore most one half their strength third class shots. alarms during the year. This number, it is from him his waist cloth, containing \$49, with To show the interest the battalion takes in true, includes grass fires on the hills, and a which they at once made off. The man's out- musketry I have in my possession a record of no _ At first eight our Brigade appears to be great many cases in which the damage is set thieves, who took to the hillside, were chased. The voluntarily to compete in the army and regimendown as "none," or "trifling," but there man who had been holding Im Asin was the last tal match which is to close at the end of this etill remains a fair proportion of serious the other two escaped, and are at present at men will only devote themselves to the range. fires. There were thirteen in which the large. Im Asia had sold a number of pigs the I hope that this year the men will do equally as damage was over \$100, the most serious be- previous day, and thus had the sum of money well as last year and that they will be second to the hilly configuration of the colony often ling that which broke out at No. 106, Queen's that they must have learned about his sale of oup, has no fewer than 41 marksmen out of a requires two engines to do the work of one road West, on the 26th November, when ton the pigs, and knew there was substantial plunder total of 101 who took part in the course. This is will be seen that the Brigade is under, rather ly, the damage being \$40,000. Next comes manded for a week. ing colony like Hongkong." During the brusry 2nd, damage \$30,000 and two girls INTERESTING MILITARY CEREMONY were two on the same day, but in these cases damage to the extent of \$18,000; one at 223. resources of the Brigade have never Tak Hing-lane, on the 21st October, to the

and Volunteer, may fairly be complimented sessed of. At the same time the colony's fire extinguishing arrangements are still far While the possibility of serious disaster stands clearly out when all the conditions are examined, the colony ought not to allow itself to rest in a fancied security because

-Europeans 112 : Chinese, 3,533.

The Agent informs us that the O. and O

11th January, has arrived at Yokohama, and will sail for this port to day. The new Spanish cruiser Filippinas, built by the Hongkoug and Whampon Dock Company had to stand waiting with the nozzles in for the Philippine Government, will be launch-

The following telegram, dated London, Decem-

ber 29, appears in the Brisbane Courier :- " The the different classe. Sir William Jervois is mentioned as his probable successor."-This sur-

evidently a well considered plan, for at one time no less than 58 of them refused work, and started a convicts' strike. What are the full measures taken or to be taken against these insubordinment of proceedings the ratten was called into

A meeting of British subjects resident in Bangkok was held on the 21st January in the Oriental Hotel for the purpose of hearing the opinion of counsel regarding the legality of the British Minister-Resident's regulation for levying a poll-tax, in the guise of an annual registration fee, on his fellow-subjects in Siam. The opinion both of Queen's Counsel and junior counsel being that this poll-tax is illegal, it was decided that, if the Minister-Resident should impose the fine he proposes to inflict for non-registration who refuse to pay the fine, he should be sued for recovery or for damages. The sum of two thousand four hundred ticals (\$1,440) was subscribed on the spot as a nucleus for a guarantee fund to cover expenses in connection with the possible

The increase in the trade of the port of Sydney was evidenced in a marked way on Saturday and yesterday (says the S. M. Herald of the 27th December), when no fewer than 853 souls were added to the population of the colony by arrivals from Europe. The steamship Arabic brought 251 passengers, of whom 23) were in the steerage, and the remainder in the saloon ; the R.M.S. Austral and the German steamship Prouseen had 329 and 263 respectively. Of the Austral's total 52 were in the saloon, 90 in the second saloon, and 187 in the third class and steerage. Preussen's list included only two in the saloon. the remainder being in the steerage. A word may be said of the steamers. The Arabic b the Austral is of 3,588 tons, and the Preusson is over 4,000 tons; the total tonnage of the three vessels being almost 14,000 tons. Early yesterday of ming there was another

the thieve rescaped. Later on however, in con- they may be handed down to future generations. sequence of certain information, the Police ara loaded revolver of excellent make, and the colony and of the surrounding mainland. ing at his door and people calling to him to of that course we have no less than 167 mark open it. He went to the door and opened it, and men, 199 first class shots, 224 second class shots, swords rushed upon him. He was struck and with battalious in England, or almost anywhere,

IN HONGKONG. Yesterday morning a challenge shield, the gift of Colonel Band, was presented to the Northamptonshire Regiment, and at the same company in the last musketry competition. message received they were marched off again, and again marched upon the ground at eleven, a considerable gathering of the public being present to witness the proceedings. Adthe Garrison by the Himalaya. The regiment mustered all the men that could be spared from numbered about 600. These were drawn of Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, and Army Hospital Corps. Major-General Cameron, accompanied by his staff, passed very slowly down The system of alarms is also defective, which so few of last year's fires attained large pro- | this line, and inspected the menindividually. The R.A., R.E., and A.H.C. men were then marched back to quarters, while the Northamptonshire men were marched down, and joined the rest of ground at close intervals with a transverse com- firing again, and I am in great hopes that war with Russia. pany on either flank, an open space being reserved we shall even improve upon what in the centre. Here General Cameron and Lieut. | done last year, although, as I said before, Col. Anderson performed the ceremony of pre- | what was done then was very good . I am very

The return of visitors to the City Hall regiment. He said—Your Excellency, Officers, the necessity for cultivating proficiency not only posed by General Boulanger in the vote denses.

Museum for the week ending 3th January was: Non-Commissioned Officers, and men of the 58th in individual shooting, but in mass firing. I ed for further French armaments. Northamptonshire Regiment. The parade has see it is offered for a combination of in-The Agents (Mesers, Siemssen & Co.) inform Commanding Officer, Colonel Bond, and the ing. &c.; and I have hardly ever had many has engaged not to intervone in any conflict us that the D.D.R. steamer Polyhymnia, from pleasing daty of presenting it has devolved on me. greater pleasure in presenting a prize, because which may take place between Austria and Russia, cede the bighest praise to those responsible Hamburg, left Singapore on Sunday afternoon During his long service of over 29 years in the the conditions come up so exactly to what suddent Russia has undertaken in a similar monnor the command of the troops in Natal it was a sad that the company which carries off the prize will of this determination on the part of Germany, it blow to part from old comrades and old soldiers do so, not only because every man individually is is expected that Bulgaria will submit to the de-His career in the latter part of his service is superiority in working together, and secring more well known to many of you, especially in the hits when fiving together than the other com-Zulu and Boer campaigns. In the former he panies. Though Col. Anderson touched only announced by the Paris correspondent of the was severely wounded in the right arm at the lightly upon the necessity that exists for propaign he was mentioned in despatches. re- press upon you that it is a matter of the greatest We have to acknowledge receipt of the Hopg. campaign for his judgment and tact. When power the value of good shooting is lost. Unless A state ward, and also, though less rapidly, to the kong Race Book for 1887 published by Messra placed in command of the troops after ill-fated the men can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has eastward, it would seem that the time has a Noronha & Co. It is got up in the west and adding the readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Mall Gozetie to the effect that England has been can readily be put into the best position | Ma mirable style, and will no doubt be in large Colley, he re-organized the remnant of the much use. If you are handled badly in action, and to prevent a Russian alliance between Russia and According to the advertisement in another | Later on, when Commandant of Fort Napier and two things, therefore, must go together, and enstern, central, and western, each in charge column, the jury list is now posted up at the of an Assistant Superintendent. At least Superintendent. At least Superintendent, and western, each in charge column, the jury list is now posted up at the the troops in Natal, he gained the confidence and I am happy to say that while the men respect not only of the Military but also the have shown great proficiency in musketry, they report that there who wish that the coaling to the coaling to the formula profit in a start that the coaling to the co a fortnight in order that those who wish that Civilian population. By his gift he shows that have made progress in drill work of a correspond- taken for the effective defence of the coaling their names be struck off or added to it, may he has not forgotton his old corps, and he adds ing character. At the musketry practices of the stations and commercial ports belonging to Great We would direct attention to the advertisement | Cherish all regimental traditions, all of you- liar features in the ground; and they move on our front page announcing the opening and more especially you who have lately joined much better new than they did .- You can rifles.

the competitions are to take place :-

I present the Shield with the intention that it should There has lately been some serious trouble in be competed for annually by teams selected from the soldier, but by the collective firing power of the the gaol with the prisoners, who have been companies of the Regiment, but as musketry practice whole Company, evincing an increasing tendency to rebel against think it would be advisable on my part to lay down oup to Captain Collinson, who is in command of the tasks set for them to perform, and yesterday any hard and fast conditions as to the terms of com- the company. A Company then marched off

> With my hest wishes for the Regiment, and with followed by companies. kindest regards and romembrance to all old friends who still remain in it.—I remain, yours very sincerely. Lient. Col. Anderson, Comdg. 58th Root.

The conditions under which the competition will taken place are :-1.—The Shield to be competed for by teams of 6 or 8 from each Company 2.—The conditions to be Bervice Rifle. Seven shots at 200, 500 and 600, yards, one sighting shot at each Range, position Kneeling or Standing at 200 yards, prone at 50) and 600 yards.

3.—Not more than two Companies to fire on any one day, and any two Companies may by arrangement compete against each other. 4.—After all have fired, the four winning teams will similarly compete sgainst each other, and subsequently the two winning teams will fire off the final Match. thus, if all the Companies are at Head Quarters, it will take seven Matches to decide the contest.

5.—Should any Company be absent on detachment and mable to compote, it will be entitled to send a team to fire against the winning team at Hond Quarlogal proceedings to be taken against the Minis- ters, but in any case the result must be decided by the Sint December of each year.
6.—It will be observed that under this under arrangement, a Company on detachment will have to win one match, but this will on the other Regiment, by striking him on the leg with hand be counterbalanced by their want of practice bamboo pole. He was convicted and fined \$5. and knowledge of the range.

> 7.—Competitors may be of any rank (Officers 8 - Any Competitor may be struck out of a team. and another substituted after a Match is over, to shoot in a subsequent Match, but not during a Viatch. A Match to be a competition between two Companies take made in counting cargo out of a warehouse land with wholesale invasion by Germans in (200, 500 and 600 yards, to be considered one Match.) name of the individual making the highest Score in a Match irrespective of the team to which he belongs. or the Match in which he made it.

10.—The object of these conditions is partly to give practice for the Army inter-Regimental Annual Com. the head, not enough to knock his hat off. longs to the famous. White Star line, and is a petition, and with this view the distances, positions, &c., have been arranged. The Commanding Officer can frame such Bules and

Conditions as he may deem desirable and suitable for earrying out the competition. Challenge Shield to be kept in the Officers Mess. Lieut.-Onl. An lerson wint on to say-In re- weeks

the bouse were put in terror by a revolver, and scribed upon this regimental heirloom, so that of three planks, and the second with stealing ers. The High Com missioner also suggests that The shield, which was upon the ground, is a Lient.-Col. Anderson then addressed Major- them. The constable noticed the move, however, other of a quilt, which was subsequently recog. General Cameron as follows -Your Excellency, and he arrested the man. The defendant then of the house at Kning Ching was unable to of this regiment, I do so knowing the great in- carry the planks away, and he did so, but was identify either of the men, and they were, there- terest you take in this, the most important of also arrested. The planks must have been taken collided, killing 22 persons on the apot. The the quilt and the revolver. The case was called drill work so as to place the soldier is necessary. manded for a week, no evidence being taken. It greatest bulwark in time of need. The rapid doing business in the colony, and he could that the use of the revolver is greatly developing year have afforded every reason for satisfaction; No. 9 Station. He had two prior convictions to in popularity among the criminal classes of this and the greatest interest has been taken in that his name, and he was sentenced to six menths' work by all ranks -- officers and men, everyone has hard labour. done his level best. The result of their efforts . Hu Achan, servant, for stealing a chinaware Early on Sunday morning a bad case of rob- has been most satisfactory and it has placed them dish, value 5 cents, the property of Mr. Elias, bery cocurred at a hut at Konnedy Town: At in the front rank. The regimental average at | was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour . . cut about the head, and one of the three held him is most satisfactory. Many regiments have alory roused some of his neighbours, and the less than 640 men who have entered their names the thieves deprived him of. It would seem none. A Company, which is the winner of this

> company in the service. Major-General CAMERON then addressed the regiment. He said-Col. Anderson, officers. non-commissioned officers, and man of the Northamptonshire Regiment, it is with very great pleasure that I take part in this ceremony, and it is with pleasure because in doing so I am able to speak entirely without reserve. In military matters everything must be thorough, there must times cup given by Lieut-Colonel Anderson was | be no sham, and in this case I am happy to say presented to A Company, the most successful there is no sham. I have been constantly at the rifle ranges, and with the regiment at every sort of musketry practice, and therefore As far as I can make out you will be about 20 per cent. better than you were last year. You to show general uneasiness and mutual distrust went there and landed two separate parties at know that I do not attach so much importance as by the Pewers, but must be taken for what they | two villages, having with them as carriers and some people do to mere individual shooting, are worth :as that kind of shooting will be of but little use vantage was taken of this opportunity to in. I think, on a field of battle; and therefore spect the drafts of men who have arrived to join my sim here has been to teach the men as body to make their fire tell with the a few weeks greatest effect on the enemy. We have had, I suppose, more field practice and field firing of duty, and exclusive of the new draft the parade various descriptions than any regiment in the service, and you may depend, upon it you are a and, mind you, the field firing that you have done to-day, arges Austria to abandon her mission in new drafts were drawn up, in double line on is not of the ordinary description that you the East for the present the Parade Ground above-160 men of the generally see at home or elsewhere (which Northamptonshire Regiment, and small numbers | General Cameron described). In our field firing there were none of the measures taken which aseist the men at the ordinary field firing, but every confine her interests to Servia and Roumania. kind of surprise was prepared for them. They came suddenly upon position after position and small detached parties of the dummy enemy, and had to fire within a given time, probably about | massing troops in Bessarabia, Austria assembles | the Bay. " he Trust have acceded to the request. the time they would have had on the field of battle, during which these parties of the enemy | the Hungarian forces. It is believed that Servia, would be in sight. In all these practices and the regiment upon the Cricket Ground. They competitions there should be such a limit were then formed into companies, six across the of time. We shall soon begin our field Alexander, late of Bulgaria, in the event of

with whom he had served the best part of his life. a good shot, but because of the whole company's mands of Russia. battle of Ulundi, and for his services in that cam. ficioncy in drill as well as musketry I would im-

force at Mount Prospect in one of the most try. not put into proper position, the men lose all con- Turkey. It is generally believed, however, that ing periods in the annals of British history, fidence in themselves and in their leaders. The the statement is without foundation. another link to keep up the high esprit de corps regiment I have been pleased to observe the way Britain. for which the Regiment has been so famed. in which the men take advantage of any pecuforce on the spot with fair appliances for performance by Salinger's English Opera our standards, and profit by the words of en. not study the ground and consider how you Bouffe Company to take place at the Theatre couragement given by the donor of this mag- can best utilise its features for the purpose of dealing with the outbreak, and the other Royal, City Hall, on Thursday, the 3rd instant, nificent trophy. I will now read you an extract punishing the enemy to the greatest advantage sections might be summoned to their assist- when Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera "II.M.S. from his letter with the conditions under which too much. If ally believe that you all—officers, noncommissioned officers, and men-take a great in- the Austrian Empire, publishes a latter from In presenting this small gift to the Regiment, I terest in your work, and as long as the will is Mery asserting that Russia intends to invade In presenting this small gift to the Regiment, I there the way is not difficult. But recollect, Afghanistan in the spring, proceeding towards hope that it may be accepted as a token of my esteem there the way is not difficult. But recollect, Afghanistan in the spring, proceeding towards and regard for the Regiment, as well as for the many these things require constant practice. Everyvalued friends and comrades whom I left behind me thing must become a habit, and then, when you that 100,000 Russian troops are massed at Merv have to go against an enemy you will always be and that 40,000 reinforcements are arriving. It I hope that it may also be accepted as a means of recording in some slight measure, my appreciation of that high tone, good feeling, and soldierlike spirit which provailed so conspicuously amongst all ranks. In the constant of the provailed so conspicuously amongst all ranks. In the constant of the co

> fore, not only by the individual firing of each volunteer for active service. is constantly improving and developing. I do not | Major-General Cameron then handed the their discontent came to a head. There was evidently a well considered plan, for at one time commanding Officer for the time being should frame band of the regiment, which played them back from time to time such Rules and Conditions as he hand of the regiment, which played them back may doem desirable and suitable for carrying out into barracks to the tune of "See the Conquering Hero comes." The rest of the regiment

> > POLICE COURT. 31st January.

OVERCHARGE OF FARE. Two chair coolies were charged by P.S. Mc Donald with demanding more than their proper fare, and they were convicted and fixed 50 cents of his party.

BEFORE MR. E. MACKEAN.

James Omano, firemen of the steamer Parthia, was fined half a dollar for drunkenness and disorderly conduct in the street on Sunday. Wong Akwai, fireman, charged with a like ffence, was bound over to be of good behaviour in his own recognisances.

assaulted Private James Clifton, of the 58th against her husband, the Marquis of Queens-Regiment, by striking him on the leg with a berry. Captain Graham, overseer in the employ of the Hongkong and Kowloon Pier and Godown Company, was charged with having assaulted a coolie in the same employ, named Leung-Asing The complainant said there had been a misas to one bale, and he went to the defendant to order to secure the eventual annexation of the explain about it. Before he could do so, however. the defendant kicked him on the thigh, and struck him twice on the head.

stupid, and he did give him a very light blow on | licy. Fined \$1.

PETTY LARCENIES. other proparty to the value of \$15 belonging to sioner for Canada, holds that the formation off a tailor named To Ayu, was sent to good for six | an Australian and South African Federation re-

Chung, between the naval coal yards and Yau. pledged myself on its behalf that these rules and of stealing seven rolls of cotton cloth, value \$15, such a scheme is thus consummated. Sir Charles and he was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour. | points out that the Chancellor of the Exchequer Tang Atung, coolie, and Chan Asing, cook, would then be able to arrange a tariff more

> Sikh constable approaching and he dropped First defendant fined \$5, or in default 14 days | literally reasted to death. The precise number

Lung Afo. tailor, was convicted of stealing a

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS." DEAR SIE .- I am directed by my Board to state, in reply to the letter in your issue of this morning signed "A Shareholder," that it is quite true that a telegram was received from London in regard to the assay of wortain samples of quartz from the Company's mines; but the result is not unfavourable.

The quartz sent to London for analysis was taken from the cross lode, and shows a yield of 34 pennyweights to the ton. This confirms M: Haughton's report of that portion of the Company's mines, and there is no reason whatever for dissatisfaction.

I am Sir, yours faithfully, A. O'D. GOURDIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1887.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. steamer Tannadice, with the

Australian mail, arrived here yesterday morning. Australian files :--THE SITUATION IN EUROPE.

LONDON, 28th December.

LONDON, 29th December.

LONDON, 31st December. It is reported that Austria, being uncertain of obtaining aid from England, is inclined to justify the adoption of special precautions, have

London, 1st January.

It is stated that under the pretence of military manconvres, as a counter move to Russia of charging Whitehead torpedoes in any part of several army corps in Transylvania ready to join Roumania and Bulgaria will place 400,000 troops in the field under the command of Prince

LONDON, 30th December.

M. Blowitz states that he is positive that Ger-Regiment his whole thoughts were ever for your I have always been presching. I only hope that to refrain from intervention in the event of war welfare and happiness, and when appointed to there may be more of these competitions, and between France and Germany. In consequence

St. Petersburg, 6th January. Times, is denied in official circles here.

LONDON, 6th January. Russia is erecting ten forts on the frontier of

A statement has been published in the Pall

The Earl of Carnarvon has written to the

LONDON, 7th January. Russia is arming her troops with repeating

General Boulanger, the French Minister for War, has ordered 200,000 Melanite bombs. A paper at Cracow, formerly the capital of the old Kingdom of Poland, but now comprised in

Sixteen German garrisons in Alsace and Lorraine have been doubled.

MR. GOSCHEN AND THE MINISTRY. LONDON, 3rd January. Xielding to the advice of the Marquis of Hartington, Mr. Goseliso will in all probability accept the partfolio of Chancellor of the Exchequer, and ultimately the leadership in the House of Commons. Mr. W. H. Smith, Secretary for War, will temperarily act as leader. Some of the Liberal peers are likely to join

THE IRISH QUESTION. LONDON, 7th January. The Standard states, that Mr. Glad stone is willing to confide powers to an Irish Parliament to deal with specified subjects. Mr. Gladstone has declined to modify the Home Rule scheme for Ireland which he in-

take so as to conciliate the dissentient members IMPERIAL BRITISH CUSTOMS REVENUE. London, 2nd January.

troduced last year, a step which he was urged to

The revenue returns from Customs, stamps and other commercial sources show a good increase for the quarter. PETITION FOR DIVORCE AGAINST THE MAR-

QUIS OF QUEENSBEERY. LONDON, 6th Japuary. It is understood that the Marchioness of Leung Akin, coolie, was charged with having | Queensbarry will file a patition for divorce

THREATENED GERMANISATION OF

QUEENSLAND. London, 30th December. The German National Liberal newspaper, the Cologne Garette, in an article to-day on the Pacific question, threatens the colony of Queenswhole territory by Germany, whose great interests in the Pacific, the writer says, demand the creation of a German contre in Australia so

The defendant said the complainant was very as to counterbalance the Australian Mouros po-IMPERIAL PEDREATION.

LONDON, Sist December. With reference to the subject of Imperial Fong Ato, servant, for stealing clothing and Federation, Sir Charles Tupper, High Commisspectively would be the most effectual may of Lung Akun, coolie, pleaded guilty to a charge | promoting the federation of the Empire. When an agent representing each fodurated group of The first defendant was walking along the provinces should be assigned a seat in the Im-

> DIBASTROUS BAILWAY COLLISION IN OHIO. NEW YORK, 5th January. A disastrous railway collision, involving great loss of life occurred vesterday near the town of Tiffin, Ohio. A passenger train and a goods train shattered cars then took fire, and 12 cersons were of the injured is not known, but is believed to be

> THE ADELAIDE JUBILES EXHIBITION. LOYDON, 5th January Sir Herbert Sandford collects 200 excellent English pictures for the Adelside Jubilee Exhibition, and will also obtain an equal number of paintings from the Continent. LONDON. 7th January.

In connection with the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition, 30,000 additional square feet of space is needed to supply the demands of applicants in Great Britain and on the Centinent. LONDON, 7th January The British collection of pictures for the

Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition includes sixty-five large oil paintings and fifty-three water-colour drawings. Many photos have been approved by Sir Frederick Leighton, Sir John Gilbert, and Sir James D. Linton. THE AUSTRALASIAN MAIL SERVICE. LOYDON, 4th January.

Mr. Stevenson Blackwood, Secretary to the Post Office has informed Sir Arthur Blyth that negociations are proceeding between the P. and O. and Orient Companies, but nothing has yet been settled. NEW GUINEA AFFAIRS. LONDON, 6th January. The Secretary of State for the Colonies has

promised the Agent General that the Cabinet shall take the earliest opportunity of reconsidering its decision in the matter of the future administration of New Guines. AN AFFBAT WITH NEW GUINEA NATIVES.

COOKTOWN, 7th January. The steamer Samoo, while at Finch Haven, made an expedition to Huon Gulf. The natives of one village attacked the Germans, who made short work of them with rifles, routing the natives and killing and wounding several. They also burnt the village and destroyed everything. No Europeans were hurt.

GERMAN EXPEDITION AGAINST NEW IRELAND NATIVES. COOKTOWN, 6th January. In September last, at Kaphua, a village on the

north coast of New Ireland, a trader named Herman, of the firm of Hernsheim and Co., was murdered, and the trading station pillaged and The following contradictory telegrams serve burnt down. The German corvette Adler lately guides 98 Nusa natives. They fired Kaphua and two other villages and went from one side to the It is stated that diplomatists at Rome are of other of the island. The expedition was away the opinion that Germany will attack France in sometimes two, three, and five days, and did no damage, but caught one native implicated in the murder, and hung him on the spot. The attack From Russia's action in massing troops in lasted 14 days. Some days the expedition march-Bessarabia, an impression is gaining ground that | ed eight hours. The natives fired at the expedishe will suddenly occupy Roumania without de- tion with suiders and arrows, but not one was burt. During the whole time the Adler was The Neue Freie Presse (Vienna), in an article firing by day and night on villages.

MELBOURNE DEFENCES. MELBOURNE, 5th January. The Defences Department, regarding the European situation as sufficiently serious to requested the Harbour Trust to grant permission to place on board the hopper barge Fawkner a small air compressing engine for the purpose IMPOSTANT OFFER BY A LONDON RAILWAY

SYNDICATE ADELAIDE 29th December. Mr. J. R. Browns, civil engineer, and the agent of a wealthy London syndicate, who is now in Adalaide, says that an offer has been made to the Western Australian Government to con-M. Blowitz, the well-known Paris correspon- struct a railway on the land grant system, from dent of the Times, states that a direct alliance York to Eucla, a distance of 700 miles at once. between Germany and Russia was signed a fort- Mr. Browne says the proposal has been favour-Lieut.-Colonel Anderson first addressed the for Col. Anderson's cup the Colonel has recognised night ago, and that this led to the reduction pro- ably entertained by the Western Australian

SKINEY, 7th Januacy. to death in connection with the Mount Rennic tralis, but one of them was ejected from the the seizures continued. outrage took place this morning. There was an unusual number of spectators, over 140 being present. Some delay occurred owing to the crush in the long iron gallery which ran twice round the length of the room, commencing about the middle of the gallows and being carried round on a level with the top. 'A large number of spectators were assembled on this gallery, except only at the back, where it opened on to a door by which the prisoners were to come. There were so many on this gallery that the Governor was actually afraid that it would give way and shouted, "Stand back" as the renrguard of the procession was about to onter the room. So many persons had assuredly never assembled in the room before, but the most imposing sight in the room was the structure of death which had been erected within it for the express purpose of carrying the sentences into effect. The old igallows was not, of course, large enough for the purpose, as it was capable of hanging but two at most, and two had been the largest number ever hanged at a time in Darlinghurst before. The old gallows, too, was on the outside. In the present case the gallows was erected in the room named, which communicated with the condemned cells. For a few moments everyone gazed at the gallows, about which the extraordinary main feature was the heavy cross beam on top, from which four On BOMBAY .-coils of rope were suspended. Presently there was a deadly silence, and hate were taken off as the d for behind the gallows was awang slowly on its hinger and the mournful procession appeared. First came Murtin with a Roman Catholic priest by his side, who was praying earnestly; then Read, followed by the Prosbyterian chaplain and two other Presbyterian clergymen. These clargymen were the Revs. Curtis (chaplain) Henderson, and Maxwell. The last named had been with Read all through the night, and "tated that the condemned youth was in a very religious frame of mind, and quite resigned. The other two youths, Duffy and Boyce then followed, attended by the Rev. Father Byrne, chaplain | Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limitedto the goal, and other Rev. Fathers from St. The prisoners were thon ranged under the fatal beam in the following order :- Read, Mar-

tin, Duffey, Boyce, Read being placed on the left | Yangtaze Insurance Association-Tls. 114 per hand and Boyce on the right fronting the spectators. Boyce was deadly pale, but the others | Chinese Insurance Company, Limited -\$180 per were not, and all had, apparently, worked them-selves up to face death bravely. Before the ropes were adjusted the Sheriff said that Read had. handed him a long written statement to be held | Canton Insurance Office, Limited-375 per secret till after the execution. "He solemnly declared his innocence," said the sheriff, " trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, but with a clear conscience as to his innocence. Read wishes also to say," continued the officer, "that so far as his small knowledge of the affair extends, and from all he has heard from the other condemned men, he believed those who | Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s have been reprieved, saving Donnelly, are also innocent." The other prisoners said nothing. The white caps and ropes were then adjusted and the four youths were left struggling in the air. Then followed a most horrible scene. The drop was at least a foot too short, and instead of | Douglas Steamship Company, Limited \$46 the youths being killed outright by breaking their necks, they were slowly strangled to death, | Hongkong Gas Company's Shares-\$125 per the struggles of Boyce being something terrible to witness. It was bad to see Read fetching deep breaths for what seemed to be a full couple of minutes, but the contortions made by Boyce lasted for a longer period, and his elepohed fists showed how hard had been the final struggle. Duffy, the one next to Boyce, is said to have got one hand out and endeavoured to clutch the rope. A few convulsive gasps and nervous twitches, and all was over at last at 9.20 a.m., when the Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited men were dead. After a short interval Doctors O'Connor and Brownless examined the bodies as | Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company they hang, and pronounced that their hearts had ceased to best and made a certificate accordingly. | Punjom and Sunghie Dus Samentan Mining The visitors were then allowed to leave.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

London, 27th December. The Daily Telegraph condemns the spathy of the manufacturers of Sheffield and Cleveland for allowing Krupp to secure the contract for sapplying the Government of Victoria with rails. It is stated that Mr. H. M. Stanley foregoes \$80,000 through neglecting his engagements in Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co America and Australia in order to lead the ex-

Emin Buy. The Earl of Carnarvon, in a letter to the Times, warn the promoters of the State-aid Emigration Conference that the hearty concurrence of the colonies is essential to the success of the project.

London, 29th December. Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to accept Boake's photograph of the New South Wales Soudan Contingent

Sir Francis Smith, ex-Chief Justice of Tasmania, will entertain Sir Robert G. C. Hamilton, the new Governor of that colony, at a banque on the 15th January It is considered possible that the placing o the Victorian loan on the London market may be

delayed beyond the middle of the month of January owing to the tightness of the money LONDON, 30th December. Mr. J. A. Froude, writing on the subject of the Australian labour question, states that

colonist employers would welcome the emigration of boys under a system of long apprenticeship. Edward Hanlan, the Canadian carsman, will, it is stated, start for Australia early in February

LONDON, 31st December. Three hundred thousand salmon ove have been procured from the Tweed River for shipment to New Zealand The Crofters' Commission have reduced many

"routs from 15 to 50 per cent. The Colonial College for the training of farmers will start operations immediately. LONDON. 1st January.

In connection with the agrarian outrages in Ireland, it has been suggested that the authorities should procure the services of the Queens land black trackers in order to trace the moon-LONDON, 3rd January.

During a trial trip of the Orient Company's new steamer Ormus, she averaged a speed of nearly eighteen knots per hour. Sir Walter Watson Hughes, of South Australia, died on Saturday last, aged 63 years, and will be buried on Wednesday.

LONDON, 5th January. The Guardian, the leading Church of England journal in England, publishes an article commenting upon the controversy in regard to | Manila 29.89 | 85 | 70 | EFE | 1 | 5 | -5 the new reredos at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Sydney. It discountenances the objections which have been urged against the reredos, and recebow upholds the position taken up by Dr. Barry upon Shanghai... the question.

The French vintage shows a total yield 554,000,000 gallons. Mr. Goschen will probably be elected as one of the burgesses of Oxford University, in place of Sir John Robert Mowbray. Mr. Hudson, an expert, has reported that the

New Bouth Wales are good, but uneven in qua-Lord Cairns is about to proceed on a visit to Sydney. He leaves by the Orient R.M.S. Cuzco. LONDON. 6th January.

It is intended by the Admiralty authorities to reinforce the Australian Squedron when Rear-Admiral Fairfax, C.B., assumes command. A loan of £4,250,000 has been placed upon the Garometer London market by the Government of the Argentine Republic. Tenders will be opened on Humidity

the 8th instant. The increased deficit in the New South Wales revenue has given rise to some uneasiness in the minds of investors.

LONDON, 7th January. Mr. David Buchanan has written a letter to the Times predicting a speedy renewal of prosperity in New South Wales. Forty thousand sovereigns were withdrawn from the Bank of England yesterday for ship-

ment to Australia. Further shipments are considered probable. LONDON, 8th January. Mr. David Buchanan, of New South Wales, in

the course of a lecture delivered by him last night

Government. The syndicate will at once dis- on the Australian Labour Question, said that there, patch a party to explore the country between were many unemployed loafers in Australia, but the towns named. For 200 miles from York the asserted that there was room for a population of country has been opened by pastoralists, but 100,000,000. He referred, in support of his beyond that nothing definite is known. If argument, to the thousands of pounds sterling the Government of Western Australia decide | that had been remitted to the United Kingdom to accept the offer, the syndicate will re- by colonists of New South Wales to bring out ceive alternate blocks amounting to 12,000 | their friends. Mr. Buchananadvocated the princiacros on the railway. If the work is under- ples of fair-trade and said that they would be ac-

tralian Government to continue the line 500 Mr. John Norton, the trades and labour He stated that there were 40,000 unemployed in Australia, 6,000 of whom were in the vicinity of

Eight returned emigrants attempted to speak, The execution of the four prisoners condemned | declaring that they had been started in Ausplatform, and the meeting ended in disorder. LONDON, 9th January.

The Abussinia, which is to be the last immigrant ship despatched to Sydney for the present, takes over 100 domestic servants.

The jubilee of Her Mujesty's reign will be cele brated in the Empire of India in February next

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE. MONDAY, 31st January. EXCHANGE.

Bank Bills, on demand Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight3/33 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/41 Credits, at 4 months' sight3,41 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight3/4 ON PARIS. Bank Bills, on demand4.17 Credits, at 4 months' sight4.27 ON NEW YORK.-Bank Bills, on demand......80

Bank, on demand221 ON CALCUTTA .-On Shanghal — Bank, at sight

SHARES. Quotations are :-Hougkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—145 per cent. premium, buyers. 385 per share, China Traders' Insurance Company's Shures-

Private, 30 days' sight724

\$63 per share. North China Insurance—Tla. 285 per share. On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tis. 148

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares-2430 per sbare, buyers. China Fire Insurance Company's Shares-\$90 per share, sellers. Hongkong and Whampoa Dook Company's

Shares-120 per cent. prem. Shares—\$82 per cent. prom. Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares-5 per cent. discount, sellers. China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited - -30 per cent. discount, nominal.

per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares-\$190 per China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$125 per share, sellers. Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$58 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$43 per -\$120 per share. -\$20 per share, sellers.

Company, Limited—315; per share. Perak Sugar Cultivation Company-Tls, 18 per mited-\$52 per share.

longkong and Macco Glass Manufacturing Co Limited.—60 per cent discount A. S. Watson & Co., Limited-32 per cent.

Limited .- 8 per cent. prem. pedition to the Soudan for the relief of Dr. Singapore Insurance Company, Limited. -322 hostility of many even educated persons in per share. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A-2 per cent premium. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B-6 per cent

premium. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C-8 per cent. Chinese Imperial Loan, 1886 E-5 per cent. Chinese Imperial Government 1885 Dollar Loan

-3 per cent. preminm.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE. (Раск Мазава, Раксолии & Со.'s Виститив.) January 51st. Barometer—9 A.N.50.440 Thermometer—\ P.M......Ei

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL

 $m{RNGISTER}.$ 30th January, 1687, at 4 Y.M. Manila WEST DE EX 80.00 80.07 80.07 31

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The Barometer has fellen over Luzon and rain along the Coast. Gradients for N.E. winds are rather steep. The temperature is low, the humidity high, and the weather over-W. DOBERCK. Hongkong Observatory, 31st January, 1887.

METROROLUGICAL REGISTER. Previous On date | On date at 10 a.m. at 4 p.m. at ip.m. N.N.W. Direction of wind Force of wind Weather 0.10 Rain

1.—Baromeran reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2.—Texteratures in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3.—Huntery in percentage of saturation, the humidity of all saturature with moisture being 100.

4.—Direction of the Wind according to Beaufort Scale:

5.—Force of the Wind according to Beaufort Scale:

6.—State of the Winders: B. blue sky; C. detached clouds; D. drissling rain; F. fog; G. gloomy; H. hail; L. lightning; O. overcast; P. passing showers; Q. squally; R. rain; S. show; T. thunder; V. visibility; W. dew (wet).

7.—Barr in inches, tenths and hundredths.

W. DOBERCK. Hongkong Observatory, 31st January, 1887. NEWS FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

LATE TELEGRAMS. LONDON, 22nd January. Anxiety prevails concorning the Franco-

German situation. LONDON, 23rd January. .The popularity of General Boulanger is exciting jeniousy and fears among the moderate members of the Cabinet.

LONDON, 25th January. The United States Senste has voted the Bill for the protection of American fishermen. The speakers who took part in the debate fiercely attacked England and threatened war if

LONDON, 26th January.

LONDON, 28th January.

The corvettes Callions and Cordelia are ordered to proceed immediately to China We gave a description of the armament of these two corvettes in our issue of the 26th instant. They belong to the "C." class of corvettes and will relieve the Champion and Cleanatra. They are somewhat larger than the corvettes they relieve, and carry new armament. This is their first commission.—Ed. D. P.]

LONDON, 27th January. Advices from Eastern Africa state that the Abyssinians have fiercely attacked Massowah, and that Italian reinforcements have been despatched thereto.

At the opening of Parliament the Queen's Speech expressed the belief that peace will not be disturbed in South-Eastern Europe. Iroland, it states, is still the cause of great anxiety. Mr. Goschen has been defeated for the Exchange Division of Liverpool.

This defeat is to be regretted, but it could not have been unexpected. The Home Rulers and the Liberals combined are rather stronger in the constituency than the Conservatives. . At the 1885 election Mr. L. R. Bailey, Conservative, was returned by a majority of 28 over his two opponents, Captain O'Shea, Home Ruler, and Mr. T. E. Stephens, Liberal. At the last election, however, the tables were turned. Mr. D. Duncan, Liberal, being elected by a majority of 170 over Mr. Bailey, Mr. Ralph Neville, Gladstonian Liberal, who was defeated in the last election for the Kirkdale division of Liverpool, was Mr. Geschen's opponent.—Ed.

Lord Randolph Churchill has made a statement concerning his resignation. Lord Balisbury writes that the outlay proposed for the defence of our coaling stations abroad is necessary, as the chances are in favour of war at an early date.

THE TRIAD SOCIETY IN HONGKONG

The Bill for the suppression of the Triad Society will evidently require considerable amendment before it passes into law: It is to be regretted that the proceedings of the Commission which sat on the subject cannot be made public. The evidence was given on the condition that it should be treated us confidential, and the Government is of course bound by that understanding, but this can hardly extend to the findings and recommendations of the Commission. At present the Legislative Council and the public are almost entirely in the dark as to the nature and extent of the influence wielded by the society. That the Triad Society is a disreputable body must be admitted, but we are inclined to think that its importance has been considerably overrated. It has become superstition with the Police, whenever their detectives fail, to ascribe their difficulties to the machinations of the Triad Society. A late attempt at incendiarism in Victoria Gael is also set down to the account of that body, but on what grounds we are not informed. In fact the Triad Society is as convenient a scapegrace as the lodging house cat. If any respectable Chinese who does not belong to the Society be asked about but if he be cross-questioned as to his reasons for the opinion he holds it will generally be found that he has none in particular, and that his hostility to it has as little foundation in actual knowledge as the European countries to the great Masonic fraternity. However, it must be conceded that the Triad Society is an objectionable confederation, and that if it could be suppressed it would be a good thing. But it may very easily happen that the attempt to suppress it may make it only the more dangerous. There are, we believe, a large pro-

portion of well-to-do Chinese who nominally belong to the Triad Society and who, although they take no active part in its details, are yet able to exercise a salutary influence on the other members and restrain them from excesses. The legislation now proposed will very likely have the effect of withdrawing this salutary influence while strengthening the union of the worst elements of the body. A secret society if left alone has a natural | tendency to find the moral and social level of the community amongst which it exists, but when it is proscribed or persecuted this tendency is arrested and it may be placed in a state of warfare against society at large. If the Government feels itself strong enough absolutely to crush the society out of

do so; but if it is only going to enter on a guerilla warfare with the society more barm than good is likely to result. This is not the first time the Triad Society has been legislated against. The previous measures have remained dead letters, and it

is more than probable that the present Bill, if it passes into law, will also remain inoperative. It will obviously be difficult to rity of Capt. Dacres, of HB.M.S. Constance, on Bro. J. Hatcher; D.C., Bro. A. M. Apcar; I prove that any particular individual is a member of the Society, and the meetings are not likely to be held in places where there is any probability of their being interrupted by the Police. Unless the system of registering of the 11th December. The express alluded to unanimously elected an honorary member of the Maritime Customs along with the import duty drawn somewhere. It is a very good thing for societies which are not illegal be introduced. as recommended by the Chief Justice, it buildings, and a quantity of timber, on the is- sat down to a cold collation, and toasts and songs person detected in the act of giving a deliber- so valuable that foreigners are anxious to do it would be practically impossible to convict lands, the principal conditon in connection with followed. persons meeting together in contravention of the sale being that everyhing must be removed The troopship Himalaya, which left Ports may still remain "unlekined" after the 1st of The Peking folks are about as intent on the provisions of this Bill, because the acthe provisions of this Bill, because the accused would always be able to make the
yesterday, but we have up been able to learn morning of the 27th January. Her passenopium stores, will render himself liable to a fine eign Ministers all paid their respects to the Marexcuse that theirs was simply a friendly particulars as to who we the successful bid- gers were Major Bennett and Lieut. Prit- of Tls. 300 for every picul of opium so detected. quis Tsèng at the Tsang-le Yamèn and spoke to society, or a trade der. The amount the sile will no chard of the Northamptonshire Regiment. The punishment to be meted out to the delinguild. There are many meetings of this de- doubt be very small, as the cost of removing Major Champernowns, R.A., Lieut, Mould, quent is really heavy, though the professional. It is said Li Hung-chang will proceed from scription held by the Chinese and it would be the purchase to any part of China or Japan will R.E., Surgeon Rhodes, Medical Staff Corps, smugglers are hardly to be frightened away by Paouting Fu to Peking about China New Year. at once impolitic and unjust to interfere with probably be about equivalent to its value. The Quarter Master and honorary Captain John- such a threat as this. In the meantime, heavy as he has to accompany the Emperor to the them. This difficulty would be overcome, in buildings offered consist d 18 large wooden huts, son, Mrs. Ellis, wife of Major Ellis of the stocks of opium are coming in from your side, Western Tombs.—Daily News Correspondent. theory, by requiring all societies not illegal theory, by requiring all societies not illegal Marine Detachment, viz : Officers' Quarters, 47 sioned officers and men of the Northamptonshire Thales, and Cheang Hock Kian bringing in upby 30 by 16 ft.; Hospital, 356 by 21 4 by 13 ft.; Regiment, one woman, and two children, 17 nonwards of eight hundred chests of opium of all The cold with which we were threatened on would not be much nearer getting at the Barracks (3.) 98 by 21 by 13 ft. : Guard House, commissioned officers and men of the R. A., 32 descriptions. Triad Society, because the members of that 30.5 by 6.9 by 10 ft.; Store Houses, 27.6 by 12 non-commissioned officers and men of the R. E., You will, perhaps, ere this have heard of the we had another week of perfectly ideal weabody may be assumed to be quite a match by 10 ft; &c. On what conditions Port with three women and five children, one staff sad disaster which befel the China Navigation ther, calm and clear with a warm sun, nobody for the Police in arranging for the secrecy of Hamilton is being given up by the British sergeant and 13 non-commissioned officers and steamer Hangchow, which has been wrecked on even wearing overcoats. A decided change set their meetings. Registration, however, would. Government is not yet kniwn; but we think it men of the Medical Staff Corps, with one woman Tain-sen island, in close proximity to the in on Thursday, and at night it began to blow have other advantages quite apart from the can safely be taken for ganted that it is to be and three children, and one soldier's wife Ord- light-house, and about six miles from Amoy, while cold from the, north-west and continued during question of suppressing the Triad Society, returned to Korea, with full and ample com- name of command of Captain Robinson, on the morning was frozen over at Tze-chu-lin on Friday mornas it would place the Government in possesagreement with China to assist in protecting mander J. A. G. Bucker; Lieut. H. K. Greg. cn; of the 25th instant. No sooner did the steamer ing.
sion of information as to what societies Port Hamilton or any other part of Kores Chief Engineer G. F. Laird; Engineer W. A. Namoa bring in the news of this calamity than We learn that the Kaiping Extension Railway are in existence, their objects, and the against foreign annexatio, and probably with Ellis, Inspector of Machinery Benhow, and the steam-tugs belonging to Mr. Moslie, the is now so far advanced that a nine-mile section of amount' of their contributions, besides a provise that England shall be allowed to Engineer T. Thorne, and 140 petty officers and pilot, and the Amoy Tug and Lighter Company, it will probably have been open for traffic this which, the Registrar-General, being brought resume temporary occupation at any time in men. The Himalaya will shortly leave here for together with some cargo boats, were immediately week. That will make a length of sixteen miles into communication with these bodies, might the event of its being rquired. Port Hamil- Port Hamilton, where she will embark the Gar- sent to the assistance of those in distress. A. Chi- including the criginal colliery line. he able to induce them to exercise their influence in the interests of law and order in case of any threatened outbreak amongst certain sections of the Chinese population. European societies might also not object to registration; at all events it is clear some means will have to be devised to exempt the

societies of European origin from being de-

Bill as it at present stands.

THE HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

The following minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Saturday, the 22nd January are published in the Gazette :-

Present :- The Colonial Surgeon (Acting Chairman), the Acting Registrar General Major T. C. Dempster, the Honourable A. P. MacEwen, Dr. P. Manson, LL.D., N. J. Ede. Esquire, Hugh McCallun, Esquire (Secretary). Absent:-The Honourable the Surveyor General, Dr. Ho Kai. The minutes of a meeting held on the 15th

January, 1887, were read and confirmed. 2.-A letter from the Honourable the Acting now account. Colonial Secretary, informing the Board that the Very Rev. G. Burghignoli had been requested to furnish, when required, information as to the birth-places of children admitted to the February next, which will absorb Taels 12,975 of the Convents, was read. 3.-On the motion of Dr. Manson, seconded by the Honourable A. P. MacEwen, it was re-

wolved--1. That, with the view of ascertaining the circumstances under which the disease known as Trismas Nascentium is developed, and the localities and houses in which it is specially provalent, the Government be requested to cause the Registrar-General to ascertain; within a fortnight of the registration of the birth, the condition of each child whose birth is registered in the Colony and report.

(a.) If the chikl is alive or dead. (b.) If the child is dead, the date on it died, and the cause of death. That the Government cause the Registrar General to ascertain the streets and houses in which all children who die, within thirty days after lirth, are born and die

3. That the Government be requested to supply the Board for a time, with monthly Returns showing the facts ascertained as

4.-A letter from the Honourable the Acting olonial Secretary, concerning the importation of dead meat from Canton was considered. Resolved:-The Board's of the opinion that it is not desirable to prohibit the importation of dead meat, but considers, it very necessary that such importation should be subject to stringent regulations as to inspection on arrival and as to sale in the public markets.

5.-A minute by the Secretary regarding the burial of a suspected inactious corpse was read. Resolved:—That in case: where death is suspected to have resulted from an infoculous disease, and the relatives of the decessed are too poor to bury the corpse promptly, the Secretary incur such expanditure as is necessary to secure speedy

6.—On the motion of the Colonial Surgeon, i was agreed that the weekly Return of Summonses, be in future lad on the table at the Board meetings instead of circulated to Members as at present.

The Board then adjourned till Noon or Saturday, the 29th January, 1887. J. M. PRICE, Chairman. Read and confirmed, this 29th day of January,

HUGH MCCALLUM, Secretary. THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAUER "IANGOHOW"

ASHORE. PROBABLE TOTAL LOSS. A telegram was received here on Wednesday morning, the 26th inst., stating that |

Shanghai to Amoy, west ashore on Tsin-seu P. & O. steamer Thames on the 27th January. Island, near the entrance to Amoy harbour. in Hongkong from the Coast ports on Sunday celebrated as a general holiday by the Chinese, morning, the 30th January, we have been able to and the fusilede of erackers was very brisk. the China Navigation Co.'s steamer Hangchow. I the Police Court yesterday against persons for On her voyage to Amovilia Namon stood by the lietting off crackers after hours. stranded vessel for a time, and also com- In connection with the rumours mentioned by municated with her on the return journey. [our Amoy correspondent as having been current From what those of board the Namoa at that port that one of the local Banks (prewere able to gather, the Hangehow ran upon sumably the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank) the rocks of Tsin-seq island an hour or two had declined to cash or had only cashed a porcause of the mishap beings dense fog which pre- the report is utterly unfounded. vailed at the time. This island is just at the The following are the elected officers of the entrance, of Amoy harbor, and there is a light- Cathay Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons; the lighthouse. It was near high tide at the Faul Jordan; H., E. Comp. A. Woolley; J time, and all efforts to move the vessel failed. Comp. A. O'D. Gourdin: Treasurer, Comp. A. broke through her bottom about amidships, and McCallum: Janitor, Comp. J. Maxwell. water she lies dry from stem to stern, the rise on the 27th January, the following officers were and fall of the tides in this locality being very elected for the ensuing year:—M.E.Z., E. Comp. heavy. Even had it beet possible to tow her off G. C. Cox; H., Comp. M. Falconer; J., Comp. the rocks it would have ben out of the question J. W. Croker; Treasurer, Comp. A. R. Madar;

immediate loss. Those on board were in no Comp. J. Maxwell. disaster was received, and the salving of cargo United Service Lodge. over some, if not all the empartments, but it is I were moved to the Mortuary.

thought most probable shi will be a total less. Another account of the above disaster will be | Hongkong held on Wednesday evening, the 26th found in our Amov correspondent's letter else- plt. Bro. Paul Jordan was installed as Wor. Master The Hangehow was commanded by Captain was performed by Wor. Bro. Captain Croisdale, existence in the colony well and good, let it Robinson, and was a stemer of 999 tons re- assisted by Wor. Bros. L. Mallory, E.C. Ray, Ba-

> Shanghai and the posts of Amoy and Swatow. THE EVACUATION OF PORT HAMILLON.

In reference to the evacation of Port Hamil- A. Hazeland; Treasurer, Bro. J. Willmott; Reg. ton, the Rising Sun of 19th Jan. says :- " From of Marks, Bro. H. McCallum; Secretary, Bro. the contents of an 'expres,' circulated by autho- G. J. W. King; S.D., Bro. A. R. Madar; J.D., Wednesday last, it will have been gathered that G., Bro. W. Quincey; Tyler, Bro. J. Maxwell. Amoy yesterday, wherein he notifies Chinese pected that the Hongkong Bank, rather than

which were erected for the use of the Royal Northamptonshire Regiment, 161 non-commist he steamers Duburg, Namoa, Formosa, Fokien, returned to Kores, with full and ample com- nauce Store Department. The Naval reliefs on her passage here from Shanghai, under the Friday. fee formed rapidly on the river, which ton was occupied by the British on the 10th rison and general British establishment there, ness gunboat also left for the scene of the disaster. From Mo. kden we learn of the return of the of May, 1885, in view of war with Russia." and she will then return and take back the re- to render what assistance it could to the stranded engineer who has been laving the telegraph The same paper, in it issue of the 26th lieved invalided, and time expired men. January, adds :- "Up to late, we believe, the in- China New Year's Day does not seem to have Although the crew and passengers were landed within 10 if of the Russian line. It is supposed vitation for tenders to purchase the British brought the fire season to a close, as has gone safely on the island, two dead bodies, Chinese, that the Russians may by and by agree to con-

clared illegal, as they are by inference by the They would un doubtedly ind the best market in was well wetted, and the danger of the spread of while jumping from the steamer into the cargo. The engineer deserves credit for the undertaking the flames thereby much decreased. Inside the boats. Though it is feared the steamer will accomplished not withstanding such serious diffi-

POOTUNG WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY.

The following is the report of the Board

Directors for presentation at the general meeting to be held on the 10th February:-The directors beg to present to the shareholders the accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1835.

The net profit on wharf and godown rent, after providing for insurance, commission, directors' and su- was soon an exceedingly copious supply of Selections of music, before leaving for Singapore ditors' fees, is Tack 37,470.05, and the balance of pro- water being poured upon the fire, the jets being on the 22nd inst. The U.S. corvette Essex also fit and loss account, after providing for an interim dividend of four taels per share, the guaranteed dividend of seven per cent. on Preference shares, for de-preciation of steam-launch Ripple, Teels 1,313.27, and the sum of Tacls 12,000.00 appropriated to reserve faud, in Tacls 14,439.22, which is carried forward to

The directors declared an interim dividend of

per cent. (Tacks 4 per share), payable on the Slat day of July last, and have now declared a further dividand of six per cent_(Taels 6 per share), payable 8th balance of profit and less account brought forward. To meet the increased demand for storage, more particularly for kerosine oil, it was necessary to provide more accommodation, and it was decided to construct one large godown, to fill in with brick walls godown No. 8 (proviously an open one), and to creet a large open shed with a tiled roof; and the requirements of the huminary reconstructed the exection. ments of the business necessitated the erection of substantial shears. The additions and improvements have been made, enabling the company to offer every facility to the increasing demands of its customers. and have proved important and valuable to the pro-

.) If the child is dead, the date on having resigned his seat as Chairman, Mr. G. H. which it died, the locality in which Wheelerhas since joined the board and filled that G. H. WHEELER, Chairman. H. J. Such

HONGKONG,

Shanghai, 21st January, 1887.

Day) little of interest has occurred locally, and rain has fallen during the past week almost with-

out intermission. A fire broke out on the 26th

January at 57. Queen's Road West, but was con-

" F. D. Bush

C. JANTZEN Directors.

fined to that house, which was completely burnt out. The troopship Himalaya, with drafts the Garrison and reliefs for the Squadron, arrived here on the 27th January. A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held on the 28th January. In response to a request by Mr. Mac Ewen, a despatch from the Acting Governor to the Secretary of State with reference to the meetings' of the Finance Committee was laid on the tabe, as also the report on the Fire Brigade for 1886. The Bill for the Suppression and Punishment of Triad and other Secret Societies was read a second time, and the Statute Law Revision Bill was reported. Intelligence has been received of the stranding, on the 25th January, of the China Navigation Co.'s steamer Hangchow on Tsin-seu Island, near Amoy, while on the passage from Shanghai to Swatow, where she is still badly ashore, and with little hope of getting off. crew, with the exception of two Uhinese (who were jammed between the vessel and a cargoboat) were landed safely, and the cargo is being salved. A parade of the Northamptonshire Regiment took place on the morning of the 31st January, when a shield, presented by a former Colonel, was formally handed over to the regi-

derson to A Company. The American corvette Essez, Captain Jewell. left here for Foochow on the 24th January. Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, C.M.G. Police Mathe China Navigation Company's steamer gistrate, Coroner, and Superintendent of the Hangchow, while on her pussage from Fire Brigade, returned from England by the The Chinese New Year's Day (24th January) By the Douglas steamer Namon, which arrived | was observed in the usual manner. The day was gather some details respecting the disaster to About two hundred summonses were issued at

ment by H. E. Major-General Cameron.

silver cup was also presented by Lieut.-Col. An-

after midnight ou Tuesday, the 25th January, the I tion of its notes, we are authorised to state that

house upon it, the vessel ming ashore right under No. 1165, for the ensuing year :- M.E.Z., Comp. Unfortunately the weather was rough, and S. Cohen; Scribe E., Comp. R. P. Dipple; she was driven higher ipon the rocks, which Scribe N., Comp. P. Brewitt; P.S., Comp. H. longkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Li- it he will give it the worst possible character, fixed her immovably. She was filled with water At the regular meeting of the Victoria

the next time the tide rose, but at low Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons, No. 525, held to attempt it, as the injuly to the vessel's bottom | Scribe E., Comp. J. D. Ball; Scribe N., Comp. is so serious that it wouldonly entail her certain E. Herbst; P.S., Comp. D. Gilliss; Janitor.

danger, for they had constant communication | An old resident in this colony died in England with the shore even at high water, by means of a | on the 16th Dec. Mr. James Parker, late First gangway rigged up, the shore being very steep. Clerk at the Magistracy, had to resign his post The Namoa was thus unable to render any assist- owing to ill health some months ago, and was inance, and proceeded on to Amoy. On her re- valided home on a pension. He did not live to turn voyage it was found that the Hangchow enjoy his pension long, for after a protracted and was further demaged ty bumping upon the most painful sickness at his own home, he was rerocks, that her rudden was gone, and the moved by his own desire, to the Middlesex Hosradder post broken. Cargo bouts were sent pital, where he died. The deceased was an old out from Amoy as sooi as the news of the Mason, and had been Sonior Warden of the

was proceeding with all jossible speed. It was | A junk was upset in a sudden gust of wind near reported that a fatal accident had occurred in the Aberdeen on the morning of the 26th ult. There unloading of cargo. A argo boat had just been | was a large number of people on board, but neargot alongside, and two Chinamen made a spring ly all were resound by passing junks. Two men to get on board. Unfortunately the boat was and two women were, however, below at the time carried away from the mip at that moment by the mishap occurred, and, they were drowned in the swell, and they fell itto the water. The next the hold. Inspector Gauld saw the spill from moment the cargo boat was driven back to the Aberdeen Police Station, and put off with a boat ship again, and the two mer were crushed to death to render what assistance was possible, but could between the two craft. The only chance of sav- only succeed in recovering the bodies of the pering the vessel will be by naking a false bottom sons who were drowned in the hold. The bodies

At the meeting of the Eothen Mark Lodge of

for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation gister, and lately employed in the trade between | zanjee, and E. Georg. Wor. Bro. Jordan afterwards appointed his officers and invested those who were present, the list being as follows: -S.W. Bro. G. C. Cox; J. W., Bro. A. G. Morris; M.O., Bro. A. O'D. Gourdin, S.O., Bro. W. Boffey; J.O. Bro. Dr. G. P. Jordan : Chaplain, Bro. F.

before the 4th Feb. Applications from intend- mouth on the 5th December with Military and February, to the officers of the Maritime Cus- amusement as we are here. The wounder is they

rapid progress, and by the time the fire bells save her cargo. were ringing the alarm a dense column of smake could be seen ascending from the Western Dis. raining here. The Chinese New Year passed trict. Both Government and Volunteer Fire away quietly, the Colestials being confined to Brigades were quickly on the spot with their their houses owing to the rain. steamers, and the Silk Guilds and Nam Pak Hong manuals were at work with their customary praissworthy celerity, and was soon an exceedingly copious supply of selections of music, before leaving for Singapore unusually powerful. The flames had made such rapid progress, however, that it was evident, before the water was brought to bear, that the house where the fire or ginated could not be saved, as it was one mass of flames. The brigades succeeded, however, in proventing the spread ofthe fire to the adjoining buildings, which were only damaged by water, or only to a very small extent by fire. No. 57 was completely burned out. We learn that it was insured for \$3,200 in a Hamburg Insurance Office, of which Mossre Schellhass & Co. are the local agents. The ori-

on of the fire is still a mystery.

Taking advantage of the opportunity afforded the China New Year's Day holiday, the Vonateers had an outing on the 24th January. A master of close upon 40 assembled at Headquartersat 8.3) a.m., including Captain Francis, in command, and Lieuts, McCallum and Mosely. Three of the Corps' seven-pounder mountain guns were porty. The godowns, sheds, wharf, and landing stages are in very good condition, and no repairs of any importance are enticipated in the near future.

During the year Mr. C. Jantzen was requested by the directors to fill the vecancy caused by the departance of Mr. St. C. Michaelsen. Mr. C. Vincent Smith brought up the commissariat in the shape of the materials for a substantial cold collation and for elapsed no less than sixty to seventy houses fell assuaging the thirst begotten by the arduous a prey to the devouring element. No attempt duties of a guaner. Arrived at Stanley, P.S. worthy of the name was made to arrest the Butlin was found to have engaged three course of the confluention, and after making large sampans for the use of the party for such a said havor the fire burnt itself out, as it landing the men, guns, &c. A line was always happens in Chinese cities. It is said that passed to the shore from the launch and the the origin of the fire must be attributed to the boats were pulled to and fre by it. Everything indiscriminate firing of crackers indulged in by was landed without mishapexcopt in the last bent. the natives, as it is their went, at this period of when two Chinamen came to grief. The men on the year. board hauled with such vigour that when the boat Since the 24th January (Chinese New Year's | ran up on the beach a number of those on board | forts in course of countration in the vicinity of were thrown off their feet, and the two Chinese Pagoda Anchorage seem to be imbard with a wore jerked overboard by the rope. One was Mr. Butlin's detective, who was arrayed in all his holiday silks for the festive occasion, and

while his companion in misfortune appeared to to their homes the worst for their attempt. We think it a good joke, his feelings were evidently learn that a complaint has sines been lodged of a less joyful character. The guns were re- at the British Commist. . gainst the anything mounted and taken through the village up to a but agreeable practice of the Chinese soldiers piece of level ground boyond the Station, overlooking the bay. "The men then had firing practics with plugged shell common shell and shrappel at two of the usual targets—flags mounted above a floating barrel, one 1,215 yards distant, and the freshing to hear, however, that the British Viceother 1,450 yards and with some case shot at Consul has addressed a despatch to the Chinese short range. The tiffin was partaken in the Authorities on the subject. - Echo. Police Station, Sergeant Butlin very kindly doingeverything in his power for the comfort of the corps. Shortly after 4 p.m. the men were marched back to the landing place, where the gaps were again dismounted and all got on board. The passage home proved somewhat rough; and it is to be feared that the excellent tiffin the Hotel Company provided did not, in two or three cases, confer the full benefit that might have been expected under more tranquil circumstances. Though at one time it looked very dubious, the weather held fine, and the afternoon was very pleasant. Several friends arrived during the afternoon to witness the firing, and on the whole some very good work was done. The annual distribution of prizes to the scholars of the Italian Convent and other girls'

schools under the management of the Canossiana Sisters of Charity who have been successful at the last examination took place at the former institution on Saturday afternoon, the 29th Jauuary. Mrs. Marsh was among the numerous friends who were pre sent at this interesting gathering, the schoolroom being more than filled. The Rev. Father Burghigneli addressed the meeting on the work of the schools. He said there were 133 pupils of whom 62 were presented for examination. Of the remainder many were too young for the exsmination, and others had not made up the requisite 200 attendances. Of those examined only four had failed, two in the first standard and two in the fifth. Two who compated for the Belilios medal passed very creditably, a trustee informing him that their papers were very good indeed. Much importance is attached in these establishments to the cultivation of the art of needlework, and the results accomplished in this mon of means. Our contemporary, bowever, branch were of a most satisfactory nature. judging of the work had been kindly undertaken but it is published as an item of news." by Mrs. Granville Sharp, to whom they were greatly indebted for the care and judgment she had displayed in the undertaking. Besides the English language Italian, French, Portuguese, and German were taught but the musical instruction imparted was essentially Italian in its character. In the St Francis' school they had mostly children of the poorer classes, and it laboured under the dis advantage of baying lost its tea her for a month on account of sickness. The consequence was that only 27 out of the 60 pupils were presented for examination. The Bridges-street school did well, presenting 33 girls, all of whom passed the standard. Col. Ryan, R.A., also addressed a few remarks to the meeting. He said be was stranger in the colony, but from inquiries he had made be found that the educational work of the Sisters of Mercy was established in this colony 27 years ago by the Rev. Father Burghignoli and it seemed to him that since that time the Sisters had pursued with great success their work of benevolence and charity. He felt sure that all creeds and classes in the colony would do all in their power to support the Sisters in their good work. The prizes were distributed by the encoessful girls. The work of distribution was very pleasantly interspersed with a programme of music, dialogues, &c., by the girls, whose proficiency in this respect reflected great credit upon themselves and those who had trained

MACAO.

The Independents hears that a telegram has been received stating that the Portuguese gunheat Rio Lima has been ordered to return to

The Macao Independente says that a small gunpowder explosion took place at the fire cracker manufactory at Cacilhas, Macao, resulting in one of the Chinese being hart.

> CHINA, AMOY.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT. 28th January.

the recent rumours of he British evacuation A Past Master's jewel was voted to Wor. Bro. subjects of the coming into force of the Addi- lose the business, would always go one better, of Port Hamilton were tell founded, notwith- E. Georg, the I.P.M., for his services in the tional Article of the Chefoo Convention, by vir- and they have lately been hawking loans about standing the apparently authoritative denial chair during the past year, and Wor. Bro. Crois- tue of which the Lekin will be collected from at 5 per cent, but it is said that neither of the which followed publication of Reuter's message dale, who has twice acted as installing officer, was the 1st proxime by the Officers of the Imperial Banks will bite. They say the line must be offers for sale the whol of the Government Lodge. After the Lodge was closed the brethren on opium. He, moreover, warns them that any the Chinese to discover that their business is not ately false account of his stock of opium which for love.

steamer and prevent all possibility of looting. poles from Kirin to the same Hun-ch'un, to Government property at fort Hamilton has not rally been the case, for the 26th ult. at about 1.15 were found floating alongside the ill-fated used the lines. The same gentleman is engaged olicited a single response. The conditions of the p.m. there was another alarm. This ontbreak steamer yesterday afternoon. These were iden- to lay another line from Kirin northwards across sale were that applications must be sent in before was within a few doors of the scene of the last tified as those of the compradore and tally-man the Amur to connect with the Russians there. Good Templars, Oddfellows, Foresters, Bufthe 18th inst., and everything removed from the fire, on the opposite side of the street, at No. 57, of the ship respectively. The cause of their The line already laid has been done with great allows, Mechanics, and the many other secret Island by the 4th prox. The Government will a Chinese shop. Owing to the rain then falling, death is shrouded in mystery, though it is surdifficulty through swamp, marsh, and dense probably have to remove the buildings and timber and to the large amount which had descended mised they were jammed in between the cargo- forests, the splendid old trees of which had to be to Nagasaki'or Hongkon; in order to sell them. during the previous 24 hours, exposed woodwork | boats and thee steamer by losing their footing out down to enable the line to be correctly laid.

house, however, the flames made remarkably prove a total loss, every effort is being made For these last five days it has been incessantly

> The Band of the Russian man-of-war Vladimie Monomach entertained the public twice on the recreation ground last week, playing excellent left here for Shanghai to-day.

> > FOOCHOW.

On dit that Messrs, Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s rodowns have been rented bothe Imperial Maritime Customs to serve as the bonded warehouses for the stora mof Opium, as required by Article 2 of the Additional Article to the Chefoo Convention. The work on the extension of the Bund, op-

posite the Shanghai Shed of the Maritime Cus-

toms, is progressing favourably, sufficient spikes having been already driven on the muddy bed of the foreshore thus forming the foundation apon which the praya wall is to be built forthwith. Two 6-inch breech-loading long range guns. weighing over 12,000 lbs, mach, manufactured by Sir Wm. G. Armstrong, are being mounted in a newly-constructed redoubt on the summit of a hillock overlooking the Scamon's Hospital, at the Pagoda Ancherage. The earthwork, which was done entirely under Chinese supervision, reflects great credit on its constructors. . A disastrous fire occurred in the City on the 17th January and lefore a couple of hours had

The warlike native soldiers statished at the stone-throwing, disposition For the last few days several Europeans while attempting to take an afternoon stroll outhe hillside had to return converting peacoful Europeans, who happened to be sauntering about, into movemble targets. at which they aim every sort of handy missiles, in the absence of powder and shot. It is re-

SHANGHAI.

The British gumbast Cockehafer arrived at ganghai on the 23cl January from Chemulpo. The Shen-pare says that the Emperor Kwang Su and the Empress Regent went to Pei-har-(Northern-Sea), on the 12th inst., to enjoy the skating and sliding as their winter sports. They remained there until the 19th inst. We (Shoughai Mercury) see by the Customs

Returns that permits were taken out on the 20th January by foreigners to land 7233 chests of opins. This is no doubt on account of the eary coming into force of the Additional Article of the Chefoo Convention. The Peking Gazette of the 29th December con-

tains further honours and rewards conferred on officials and others in connection with the removal of the Pei-trang Cathedral. Among these are Mr. Alexander Michie, who receives the Third Order of the Third Class, and Mr. Ng Choy, expectant Tao-t'ai, who is given a brevet of the second grade.

The Shanghai Courier says that " according to the Hu-pao, the present opins farmers at Shanghai, numbering sixteen in all, are reported to be on the verge of bankruptcy. One of them has already ab conded, and another has failed. Since they contracted to collect the opinm lekin, smuggling has been carried on more extensively, and the farmers have been powerless to stop it, and consequently much money has been lost. They wish now to pay ten per cent, of what they owe to the banks, and promise to pay the balance next year, but the banks would not agree to these conditions, as the farmers are supposed to be The states that it dore not wholly credit this rumour.

CHEFOO.

Our new Tao-tai, Sheng, is a decided improvement on his prededessors, in so far as interest and activity in the cause of progress and civilization are concorned. One of his first nots after taking over the scale of office was the opening of a free hospital and dispossory for the moor; and at the same time he very wisely decided to break through the old established eastom of sending expensive presents, and to use the money—amounting to about \$600 per annum- for philanthropic purposes. Now he is directing his attention to the development of the trade of this port, and has closed a contract with a well-known Shanghai firm for the building of a small steamer, to run between Chefon and Tai-chaofee on the north of the Promontory, and Kinochao on the south. The new boat will have ample accommodation for Chinasa passengers, and two cabins for foreign passengers, but these will saldom be required, unless the vessel runs also to Teng-chao-foo, which is not improbable. This is avery important step in advance of the usual policy Mrs. Marsh, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., calling up trade of this port will begreatly increased, or, at of the Chinese officials, and it is expected that the least, facilitated, by having this vessel as a

> The recent discovery of a stratum of meteoric iron-ore on the Chefee bluff may possibly be an important epoch in the history of this port, and our health-giving air may at some future date be poisoned by the exhalations of blast furnances. The energetic Tao-tai has sent a quantity of the ore to Shanghai to be smelted, and the resulting pigs Well be sent to Trentsin for the approval of H. E. Li Hung-chang. Snow has been falling steadily for several days, and still it falls, but the cold, so far, has not been so severe as last winter.—Mercury Cor-

> >) TIENTSIN.

3rd January Business is supposed to be dead, but the place s nevertheless full of loan mongers. The two banks afford fine play for the various agents authorized and upauthorized-chiefly this latter,and ever since the Comptoir made its loan to the Shantung Governor at 6 per cent. interest, the efforts of this wilv Chinese have been directed A proclamation was issued by the Taotai of to reducing it still lower. They naturally ex-

New Year's day only lasted a few hours, and

culties. Few telegraphic line exist the laying of Which vas so formidable. The rendezvous out the ice for exchange of NOR'H GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE New Year congratulations was not so successful as could have been wished owing to the nasty dust-storm which raged all the morning, not only speiling the ice for slading but making it disagreeable to go out of doors, Still a good many ladies and gentlemen did repair to the rink, and it is at enstom which we hope will be followed every ear, as it saves so much time to callers, and releases the ladies from the duty of remaining at home during the daylight hours,

The old style Christmas was cole brated as usual on the 6th instant by our Russian friends, when many contratulations were exchanged, and Christmas trees flourished laden with a profusion of pleasant fruits. No section of our community is more popular than the Russian, and hey are individually so kind and warmhearted that the other residents of the settlement find it c. gr at pleasure to assist in any way at their social observances. On New Year's day, which fulls on the 13th, all nationalities are in the habit of vis ting the Russian families, and great- GRANTPOLICIES of INSURANCE against ly enjoy their dake and wine for the sake of the FIRE at the following Rates:smiling frees-and fair hands—which offer these | On First class European . tokens of kindness. We are afraid to think Tenements at 1 %. Net per Annum. w' at this community w ald be without the Rus- On First-class Godowns, sians, to whom we wish health, happiness, and prosperity .- Chinese Times.

TONQUIN.

a thousand tons of goods have arrived at Heipinong from France for the Hanoi exhibi- On Second-Class t hineso Til . Italian cruiser Rapido arrived at Haiphore on the 22nd a stant and was to leave for Saigon after a star ... days. We read in the Court of Haiphong that the approaches to that part ar ag improved, so that the largest vessels wil be able to get up. the depth of water being six to t n metres at low

Further experience of the Red River goes to show that it is of little value as a commercial row he Courrier d'Haiphong, in a note on arges that the first line should be from cianos to Luc-kai, in order to afford an outlet for · the Younan trade. The voyage by the Red liver, our contemporary says, occupies this ty five days, and the jouks making it are exposed every moment to destruction on the rocks. Recently ten salt junks left Hanoi for Lac-kai, three of which were wrecked in the attempt to pass a rapid. A lutter from Tourano in the Courrier d'Haiphong states that a force is to be sent from

Cochin-China to assist in the pacification of Phusen. The force will consist of 1,200 native Volunteers and two companies of Marine Infantry. It is auticipated that with these troops seting in concert with the Annamite troops the campaign will be as short as was that of Binhthuan. Xuan-day is to replace Quinhon as the port of call for the vessels of the Messageries Muritimes. The Government offices have already been transferred. Xnan-day will be a more favourable port for the trade. The telegraph line to Fai-Foo was destroyed almost as soon a it was completed, the posts having been out down and the wire cut about every ten metres.

For other mail news see Supplement.

INSURANCES.

NOTICE

UEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. The Undersigned, Agents for the above Comr My, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on PIRST-CLASS GODOWNS at | per Cent. Nett premium per Anuam. NORTON & Co. Agents. Hongkong, 20th May, 1881.

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GIBB, LIVING FON & Co., Hongkong, 27th September, 1886; FINHE MAN ON INSURANCE COM-

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, January, 1882. FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877. IN HAMBURG.

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Hougkong, 18th January, 1884. THE LONDON ASSURANCE and also Undertake the He-shipment, delivery INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST. A.D. 1720.

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current rates. 5 LIFE DEPARTMENT Policina issued for sums not exceeding £5.000.

at reduced rates. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, 26th July, 1872. THE LATEST ADVANCE IN LIFE

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Stille be death may harpen.
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longkong, 13th January, 1887.

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- Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1887. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

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CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, 20th January, 1887. FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

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on the day provious to sailing, Parcel Packages [247 sont to the Commun's as, addressed to will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required. Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco DOOMS in CLUB, CHAMBERS. should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes addressed to the Cellector of Customs at San Francisco. Por further information as to Passage and

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Hongkong, 21st January, 1887.

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MELCHERS & Co. Hongkong, 21st December, 1886. FOR HAMBURG, DIRECT. THE 3/3 L 11 German Bark

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the 2nd February, at 4.30 P.M. For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokehama.—Per Thibet, on Thursday, the 3rd February, at 5.00 For Saigon.-Per Vortigera, on Friday, the 4th Februsy, at 4.30. P.M. For Singapore.—Per Cassandra, on Monday. the 7th February, at 10.30 A.M.

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Tuesday, the 8th February, at 2.30 P.M. MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET. The French Contract Packet Anadyr will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 8th February, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, vir Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, HE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Adon, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 1887.

THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

It there is one Ministerial appointment more than another which Reuter should not omit to forward it is that of Secretary of State for the Colonies. After announcing to us on the 6th inst. that the Kight Hon. EDWARD STANHOPE had succeeded Mr. W H. Smirn at the War Office, Reuter left us to guess Mr. STANHOPB's successor. Until the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and the third reading. subsequently he was made Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education. He. is a Depaty Lieutenant of the county of Middlesex. Sir Henry has always displayed a lively interest in colonial questions and has several times interposed with adventage in colonial debates in the House. The experience gathered by him as a working under secretary in the department will prove of great value to him in his present responsible post as head of the Colonial Office.

THE MARINE SURVEY FEES, BILL.

The proceedings in the Legislative Council on Friday, the 21st ult., with reference to the Bill regarding marine survey fees, are hardly calculated to increase the confidence of the public in the ability of our legislators. The subject stistrue, is a comparatively small and unimportant one, but any subject which is important enough to be legislated upon ought to be important enough to be understood. In the case of this particular Bill no member of the Council; either official or unofficial seems to have hadany complete understanding of the subject, or of what the effect of the Bill was likely to be. Its consideration in Committee had been adjourned to allow the Acting Attorney-General to obtain certain information, and on Friday he announced that the bulk of the Bill was to be withdrawn. It had been proposed to charge fees Major-General Gomnon, and we can only hope for a number of inspections and surveys. Mr. ACKBOYD had apparently been in ignorance when he introduced the Bill whether these inspections and surveys were to, be com pulsory on shipowners, or whether the fees cellent it may be its effect in diminishing the were merely payable in case the inspections criminal population will be insignificant. were voluntarily asked for. The question had, however, been discussed in the Press, and the effect of the measure shown, so far crime is a large and vigilant Police Force, as it was possible to show the effect of a affording to the criminal classes the very measure the interpretation of which was left entirely as a matter of conjecture and inference. On Friday Mr. ACKROYD said it appeared from information he had received from the Harbour Master that the survey of ships' bottoms was compulsory. With respect to the others, the inspection of vessels under 50 tons during construction, the inspection of engines and boilers during construction, and the survey of unlicensed assaults, and so on the rattan would prove at launches, they were all optional. It was considered undesirable, he said, that the Government Surveyor should undertake these optional inspections, and he therefore proposed that the whole of the Bill should be struck out with the exception of that portion referring to the ansvey of ships' bottoms. The Hos. P. Ryrie, who on the pre- ropean communities, where corporal punishvious occasion had objected to the portion of ment is regarded as entailing indelible disthe Bill proposed to be struck out, was evi. grace. Amongst the Chinese this feeling dently not satisfied with the simple with is practically absent, and the individual drawal by the Government of that portion, who has been flogged for any offence is and wanted to argue the matter out. There. not for that reason considered incapable upon the discussion turned entirely upon of regaining his place in society. And that part of the Bill which was practically even amongst European communities the dead and gone, and no one seemed to pay sentimental objections to flogging are allowed any attention to that part of it which remain. to override the practical utility of the puned. The Hon, A. P. MACEWEN express. ishment to fur too great an extent. There is ed the opinion that the fees ought to be re. much force in the following remarks from tained and made compulsory, but he evident. the San Francisco Chronicle :- "Flogging ly knew nothing about the matter, as he was has been introduced in New South Wales in ignorance that passenger vessels have to and other Australian colonies in connection pass a survey to obtain a certificate, and with sentences for grave crimes. It is rethought this vital and important mat- corded that a sentence of two or three years ter was the subject of the present Bill, of penal servitude has not so many terrors but even Homer nods at times, and on terrent to jetty crime were the American this occasion our energetic champion of prejudice against it removed. There is no tary of State did not arrive until the 31st Depopular rights was found nodding. He reason why the law should spare the crimwas not alone, however. The Acting At. inal, as it now does. It may be safely said torney-General and all the other members that we should not have so large a crop of by referring the matter again to the Finance . were nodding also. The only part of the murderers and other criminals in the city if Bill which remains is that which pro- these-follows knew that their trial would be vides certain fees for surveys of ships' speedy and that the lash would await them luttoms. Mr. Acknown said he had ascertain- at the end, as well as a term in State Prison," ed from the Marbour Master that the survey In the Legislative Council a fortnight ago

of ships' buttoms was compulsory. It was the Acting Attorney-General said he hoped

27th January, when the English mail brought the Harbour Master on a point of law instead to admit of this. If, however, it is a the news on in the Coylon papers, we were at of receiving advice. We can find nothing in question between building a new gool and a loss to know who was directing Colonial the Ordinance, which makes the survey of making more extensive use of the rattan Affairs. It appears that Sir HENRY THUR- ships' bottoms compulsory, except in so far there can be no doubt as to which alternative STAN HOLLAND, Bart., K.C.M.G., member of as the survey of the hottom is included in ought to be adopted. The bulk of the cost of Parliament for the borough of Hampstead, the general survey which all ships have to a new gaol would come out of the pockets of is the new Secretary of State for the Co. undergo on registration and thereafter once the Chinese community, many of whom, lonics. As Sir Henry is one of the rising a year, and for which a table of fees is earning their living honestly, enjoy worse men, new to any Cabinet, it may be in- plready in existence. What are we to fare than the convicted criminals for whose teresting to give a brief sketch of his understand, then, by the statement that comfort, health, and general welfare the career. He was born in London in 1825 the survey of ships' bottoms is compulsory? Government evinces such extraordinary tenand is the son of Sir Henry Holland, first Is the survey to be made at any stated in- derness. We say the bulk of the cost would baronet, physician in ordinary to the Queen. terrals? Provided a vessel has been sur- come out of Chinese pockets because, al-The new Minister has been married twice, vayed within twelve months, the only section though the Europeans individually pay more his present wife being the eldest daughter of the Ordinance under which a survey e, taxes than the Chinese, yet the latter are in cussed in Finance Committee before the Counof the late Sir Charles Theveryan, and be the bottom could be compelled is Section 9f such overwhelming numbers that in the gross and was Assistant Under Secretary of State surveyed from time to time irrespective of for Midhurst in September of that year survey of ships' bettoms is compulsory is an and retained the sent until 1885; when accurate statement, or that there is any he was returned for Hampstead borough. necessity for the Bill now before the Council. For three years he acted as Chairman of Before the measure passes into law the pubthe Public Accounts Committee of the lic have certainly a right to expect the Gov-House of Commons, and he has say on seve- enment to give some intelligible statement of ral important Royal Commissions. When its objects and reasons, which has not yet Lord Samsbury came into office in June, been done. If such statement is not forth-1885, he appointed Sir HENRY HOLLAND coming the Bill ought to be thrown out on

GAOL ADMINISTRATION IN HONGKONG:

attempt the reform of the criminal class. Another cause which contributes to the over- is concerned, that Ord 1 of 1845 has been a dead The CHIFF JUSTICE -- That is so. If a clause But such is not the case. As Major-General crowding of the gaol is the locking up of GORDON says :- "It must be remembered gamblers, the great majority of whom that in the peculiar position of Hongkong, Major-General Gordon says do not belong ciety, and constituting a special tribunal for the prison administration, however excellent, can to the criminal classes. "They are mostly have but a very small influence in diminish. hard-working men, rice pounders, and coal ing the criminal population, which is not so | porters. They overcrowd the gaol; they are much bred in the Colony as imported from | neither deterred from gambling by imprisonthe neighbouring Chinese provinces, and ment nor are they improved. It is too much the greater or smaller influx of which is to be feared that many of them are detechiefly dependent on extraneous causes." We riorated and corrupted by compulsory and are glad to see this fact so clearly recognised by that it will be equally recognised by the Government. With a larger gaol, prison ad. up a coolie for staking five cash on fantan ministration might be brought up to a higher state than its present one, but however ex-What the colony must chiefly rely on to secure the maximum of immunity from smallest possible opportunity of carrying on Granting, however, that after all available their depredations against society. Behind | measures have been taken to reduce the the Police Force there must of course be the machinery for punishing the wrongdoers who may be delected in crime, butthe punishment ought as a rule to be short and sharp, only those criminals whom it is absolutely pon's suggestion that short sentence pridangerous to leave at large being locked up for lengthened periods. For petty larcenies, once the most effective and the most economical form of punishment. Flogging amongst Asiatics, has more deterrent effects than any other available form of punishment. The objection that it degrades the person on HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. whom it is inflicted does not possess a tenth part of the force here that it does amongst Eu-From the Vice-Chairman of the Chamber, for the professional criminal as the penalty from the Acting Governor recommending the of Commerce a little more knowledge of of twenty or thirty lashes which accompanies ate allowance to the widow of the late Mr. J. mercantile law might have been expected; it. In fact, flogging would be the best de. Sampson. Chief Boarding Officer to the Har-

unfortunate the Harbour Master was not at the following meeting to introduce a Bill present when the Bill was considered, as be relating to corporal punishment. That Bill could then have explained his meaning for has not yet been brought forward, and himself. As it is we are forced to the con- we are in ignorance as to what the intenclusion that the Acting Attorney-General tions of the Government on the subject are. must have misunderstood him. Mr. Acknown Presumably it is intended to extend the did not say be bad ascertained from the powers of the various courts as to the in-Merchant Shipping Ordinance that the survey fliction of this penalty, but it is doubtful of ships' bottoms was compulsory, though it whether it is to be employed for minor ofwould have been more in accordance with the fences. Prejudice has, we fear, too strong usual course of things if he had been advising a hold on the Downing Street authorities

is therefore brother-in-law to the Right Hon, which provides that the Governor may de-they contribute much the larger sum to the Sir GEORGE OTTO TREVELYAN. Sir HENRY tain for the purpose of survey any vossel he revenue. If a poll were taken of the HOLLAND was educated at Harrow and as h reason to believe is unseaworthy, but Chinese on the question as to whether they Trinity College, Cambridge, and was called this section can only be acted on under the would prefer to pay for a new gool or to see to the Ber in 1849 at the Inner Temple, of responsibility of refunding the expenses of the rattan more extensively used for the which he was elected a bencher in January, detention in case it should be found the punishment of criminals, can there be any 1881. He was legal adviser at the Colonial vessel is not unseaworthy. A prodent owner doubt as to what the answer would be? Office from January, 1867 to February, 1870, may wish to have the bottom of his vessel We are not sanguine, however, that the views we advocate on this subject will brefor the Colonies from March, 1870, till legal requirements, and in such cases he has vail, and as the gaol appears to be un-August, 1874, when he resigned that ap- a right to select his own surveyor. We fail doubtedly overcrowded, relief will have to pointment to enter Parliament, being elected to see therefore that the statement that the be sought in other directions. Major-General Gospon points out some causes of overcrowding for which it ought not to be difficult to find a remedy. He speaks, for instance, of the large number of prisoners, mostly belonging to the criminal classes, who are confined for want of finding security for good behaviour. These men are not made to work. They are well fed and live comfortably in associated idleness. The Superintendent adds :- I am sorry to say, I believe many of these men rather like their sentence and will not find security even when able to do prisonment with or without hard labour, as men- tion. If any society can show that it is a pureso. And it seems an incongruity that while In his report for last year, Major-General | honest destitutes who are provided with food GORDON, Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, and lodging in gaol are compelled to do a again makes serious complaint of the over- daily task of work, the criminal security mencrowding of the present building. We note, are freed from the obligation of performing however, his remark that "the building of any labour whatever beyond cleaning their a new gaol seems unlikely to be undertaken own cells. 479 men were imprisoned during for some time," which may perhaps be taken the year for want of finding security." If considered as coming within the provisions or but to all other societies. They cannot get up as a reflection of an intimation conveyed to there is not sufficient evidence to convict a the Superintendent by the Government. This man it would surely be better for the colony is so far satisfactory, for at present the that he should be discharged altogether colony is not in a financial position to under- than that he should be entertained in idletake such an expensive work, and, moreover, ness and comfort at the public expense. the investment would be one from which It is not unnatural that they should sleet to gather I believe that no conviction has this objection might be met by the insertion of it would derive but little benefit. If we to be maintained in this way without work- that Ordinance, because it was almost impossible, no objection to it but for the absence of such a had only our own criminals to deal with it ing rather than to find security even when to prove that anyone was concerned in some un- clause. would be at once our duty and interest to they would have no difficulty in doing so.

> constant association with the criminal classes they meet in maol.". Surely nothing can be at once more absurd and unjust than to lock of no greater moral crime than our Legislatire Councillors and Government servants who buy Minila lottery tickets. If space in the gaol is so very bearce what there is ought to be put to the best use and not wasted in providing accommodation formen who aught never to be sent there. number of persons confined the gaol is still overcrowded, there is yet another alternative to the erection of an enlarged gaol, and that is the adoption of Major-General Gozsoners, that is, men sentenced to six months and under, should be removed to some other building, or perhaps to a butk. This, be says, would leave space enough in Victoria

Gaol to accommodate long sentence prisoners on the separate eyetem, and also give-more room for industrial work.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held on the 28th January, There His Excellency The AcTING GOVERNOR, HON. W. H. MARSH, C.M.G.

Hon. Sir GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Chief Justice. Hon. F. STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary. Hon. E.J. ACKROYD, Acting Attracy-General Hog. A. LISTER, Colonial Treasurer. Hon. J. M. Price, Surveyor-General. Hon. H. G. Thomsett, Harbour Master. Hou. P. RYRIE.

Hon. Wong Shing. HOL. A. P. MACEWEN, Hon. J. BELL-IRVING.

Hon. C. P. CHATEE. Mr. A. SETH, Clerk of Councils.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. COMPASSIONATE ALLOWANCE. The Acting Colonial Secretary, by order

of His Excellency, laid upon the table a minute Conneil to revote the sum of \$870, compassionboar Department. The amount was voted last year, and not paid, as the approval of the Secrecomber, and Mrs. Sampson was away from the colony at the time. The Acting Coloniel-Seeretary thought there was nothing to be gained Committee, and he moved that the revote be ap-

proved by the Council. The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded. Carried,

The ACTING COLONILL SECRETARY laid upon

The Colonial, TREASURER seconded. Carried.

The Acting Colonial Secretary also lais upon the table the report of the Acting Super intendent of the Pire Brigade for 1886.

THE PRIVATE MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE Hon. A. P. MACEWEN, pursuant to notice,

That His Excellency the Administrator's despatch to the Secretary of State, No. 281, of 3rd August, 1886, relative to proceedings of the Finance Committee, be laid on the table.

He said-Sir, I have to ask for a copy of your despatch because I consider that the reply of the Secretary of State shows that he could not have been acquainted with the unconstitutional practice which was in veguo during the Bowen regime, when matters, not only of providing such society is innecent; Finance, but important affairs connected with this colony, were discussed and practically settled in private. Since then the minutes of the Finance Committee have been published, and I am aware that it is optional for any member of this Conncil to bring any matter that may have been diseil. But I confess it is with the view of restricting the power of any future Governor to being forward anything he likes in Finance Committee and leaving it only optional for members to bring such matters before the Commail—Lithiak some hard and fast priceshould be drawn up with reference to the proceedings of the Finance Committee, and it is with a view of knowing how far the Secretary of State is ac-

quainted with the nature of the proceedings of the Figure Committee that I ask this question. His Excellency-I have no objection to lay apon the table a copy of the despatch asked for by my hon, friend, although I may say that the The Acting Colonial Secretary—In con-Governor is not bound in every case to lay his desputches upon the table. Still in this case I

have no objection to do so. The despatch was laid on the table. SECRET SOCIETIES. the Punishment of the Members thereof. The its various brauches, there was this der was liable to be branded on the left cheek, and in connection with it, but I do not think, after was to be expelled from the colony. This led to consulting with various Chinese, that there is a some correspondence with the Secretary of State, secret society in the colony in any way connected who found the punishment too severe, and made with the Triad Society that ought to be allowed representations on the matter which led to medi- in Hongkong. fications being made in the provisions of the The CHEF JUSTICE-My impression is that Ordinance, and caused a very great change in there are many secret societies in Hongkong the legislation against this offence by Ordinance that are not connected with the Triad Society .12 of 1845. It states that "No person shall be but this applies not only to the Triad Society intention of the before mentioned Ordinance a benevolent society without making it a secret. No. 1 of 1845, who shall have joined the Triad society. influence of terror, of who shall not be drive convicted of active participation in some unlawful act arising out of his connection with the tendent to this society. 'said society." As far as I have been able ever been obtained under the provisions of a clause into the Bill, and that there would be letter. In 1854 this matter occupied the attent on could be inserted providing for the registration of the Government, which passed a rather severe of societies not of a dangerous character, I am gistative Council, by command of this Excel-Ordinance punishing members of the Triad So- quite prepared to accept the Bill. trial of these offen lers. The then Chief Justice have been consulted in this matter? objected to the Ordinance, however, and the mat- | His Excellency-A number of the members ter was referred home. The objections of the of the Commission were leading members of the Chief Justice were entertained, and the Ordin- Chinese community. suce was not allowed by the Queen. Matters! from that time seem to have remained pretty were three Chinese justices upon the Commishere showed signs of vitality, but their proceed- Ayuk. Mr. Woo Lin Yuen has had great expeings were somewhat abouted in 1882 owing to a pro- rience of this societies in the Straits. clamation then published. But in ISS5the Police detectives spoke of the growing importance of Commission before the Conneil because the evicolony. In the annual reports, both of the would not otherwise have given evidence. and treat him as a criminal when he is guilty Captain Superintendent of Police and of the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, it was reported that the Triad Society was gaining very great influence. In the guel and among the prisoners sir, the second reading of a Bill entitled an Or-

the exceptions which were introduced into 8 of this Ordinance obliges all importers to re-

Finance Committe at a meeting held on the 21st ment has possidered in any way the desirability gives the Magistrate power to search, and sec-

inst. The Committee recommended the revote of of providing some means by which certain socie. I tion 14 authorises the Governor to establish a \$19,000 for the construction of a steam tur for ties in this colony among the Chinese which central store or magazine for the safe keeping and the removal of rubbish, and the revote of 8,950, are known to exist simply for the purpose of prostoring of all arms and ammunition. Section 15
the balance for the construction of a retaining viding aid to their members should not, in some declares it shall be lawful for the Governor in Counwall at the Government Civil Haspital. He way or another, be legalised, whether some pro- cil during the continuance of any proclamation moved that the Council vote the same men- vision could not be made like that which was is ned under the provisions of the Peace Premade in the Straits Settlements for registering servation Ordinance of 1886 to order the removal these Societies formed for laudable objects, and to the said central store of all arms in the posfor providing that some officer of the Govern- session of any importers or dealers in arms, or of mont, some person from the Registrar-General's such arms only as in the opinion of the said Office-the Registrar-General himself or his de- Governor in Council are not in safe keeping or ment of Assistant Superintendent and Engineer puty or some other person—should be authorised oustody. Section 16 punishes any person refus- has been made, a greater responsibility has fallon to attend their meetings. The effect of this Or- ing after publication of such order to deliver on the Acting Assistant Engineer, as the Endinance, it seems to me from a hasty perusal of up any arms, and section 17 authorises the gineer in his dual capacity is frequently called it, would be to prevent the meetings of any So- Covernor to make from time to time any away to the scene of the fire, and must leave ciety whatever which is a secret society, and orders, which may be necessary to carry out the the Engines in charge of the next in command. every society would be secret unless some means Ordinance. With these remarks I propose the Looking to the increased duties that devolve are given of enabling it to be an open society. Bill be read a second time. Speaking from memory, the course adopted in The Actine Colonial Secretary seconded. have to keep in an efficient state six steam engines Singapore was to allow these societies down there | Hon. P. RYRIE-Before this Bill is read a and nine manuals, I consider the remuneration. toregister their rules, &c., atsome appointed place, second time I would like to made a few remarks | which was voted at a time when there were only

> The Acting Attorney-General-We have not store arms in a denot without rent. been authorised by the Secretary of State to. His Excentioner-That might be considered form of competition at Fire drills for prizes. register any society which shall apply for it, in Committee,

The CHIEF JUSTICE-There is no provision in the Ordinance for it. The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL-And if i s thought such a need exists the matter will at | will be no difficulty in reducing it. once receive the attention of the Government. Hon. P. RYRIE-I do not know much about the secret societies here. But I think there may be some that are not mischievous and dangerous to the peace and good order of the colony The only exception that is made, however, in the case of the Masons. But there are other posieties. Supposing a branch of the Order of Foresters is formed here?

His EXCELLENCY—Is that a secret society? Hon. P. Ryrte-I think so, but I am not member of it. Then we have besides here the order of Good Templars. The Triad Society sometimes has, I believe, bad offects, but I believe here are other secret societies here which are

the Chief Justice, I may say that this question of registration has been very seriously considered. them. It was felt that though it does very well in the Strai's, far removed as they are from China, it would be a very serious matter here, on The Actine Attorney General-I beg to borders of China, to registrer a society which move the second reading of a Bill entitled—an is looked upon by the Chinese Government Ordinance for the Suppression of the Triad as wishing to subvert the present dynasty. Society and other Secret Societies and for Then as regards the Triad Society and first legislation that we have recorded against considered, there is no doubt that for many the Triad Society is Ord. 1 of 1845. On years the Triad Society was very quiet here. consulting that Ordinance I find that in its and its object was probably mutual assistance original shape the Ordinance was more severe among the members. There can be no doubt. than as it appears in the edition of however, that later there has been a large addithe Ordinauces published in 18.6. The tion to its members consisting of the worst punishment for belonging to the Triad or other criminals, and if action is not taken by the Gosecret societies in the colony was not only im- vernment we shall soon be in a very serious positioned in that Ordinance, 1 of 1845, but the offen. ly benevolent society there will be no difficulty

The Acting Colonial Secretary-The late attempt to set fire to Victo in Gaol last also move that the Council go into Committee on Christmas was clearly traced by the Superin- the Cattle and Markets Ordinance.

His Excellency—It appears to me that

The Hon, P. Rynge—I presume the Chinese

The Acting Colonial Secretary.—There well in statu que, but in 1881 the Tried Society sion-Messrs. Woo Lin Yuen, Ho Kai, and Wei His Excellency-I may say that I am un-

reported that both the European and Chinese able to lay the minutes of the proceedings of the this Society, and reported that it was becoming dence was obtained on the understanding that dangerous to the peace and good order of the it was to be confidential. Some of the witnesses The Bill was read a second time.

THE CARRYING AND POSSESSION OF ARMS. The Acting. Attorney-General-I move. it enabled them to keep up communication with dinance to regulate the carrying and possession their friends putside. On account of those re- of arms. The Commission appointed in 1883 to ports and other facts brought to the notice of inquire into the alleged smuggling into China the Government a Commission was appointed of opium and other goods were of opinion the in 1886 to inquire into the matter. That gathering together of unauthorised armed bands Commission received a large amount of evid- in British territory for any purpose whatever ence, and the principal complaints which were should be prohibited and that the provision of made against the Triad Society amounted the law new in force in reference to those perto these—that they protected criminals and sons who do not possess night passes should be interfered with the course of justice, either extended to the whole area of the colony, that is, by obtaining or hiving witnesses for the defence that the system of night passes should be exor getting witnesses for the prosecution out of tended in order to bring all those who did not the way, that they harassed emigrants and possess night passes under the provisions of persons returning from emigration, that they section 18 of Ordinance 14 of 1870, which prohityranised over the registered brothely for Chi. bits all Chinese not holding a night pass from nose, and that they injuriously affected and carrying arms. Ordinance 6 of 1885 was passcontrolled various trades and industries of the ed accordingly, and it gave power to the colony. Moreover that they exterted black mail Governor in Council to make orders from for some years. from the junks and cargo boats, and that they time to time extending that Ordinance, 14 of

pression, exacting regular money payments from beyond the city of Victoria. This has never them, that they prevented coolies from doing been done because it was thought on due consiwhich was thus given, and that the Society had sons we now seek to reach. It was therefore longine. become a serious matter, and deserved the serious thought some other remedy should be tried. attention of the Government; and they recom. Then about that time the Commission which sat has been fitted with couplings on the Metropolimended that it should be suppressed. Accord. on the Triad Society reported that some strict | tan Fire Brigade pattern which greatly facili. Steamers Ordinance, which expired on the 1st ingly this Ordinance has been prepared, and I legislation should be brought in respecting the tates connecting the lengths of hose. think, from all the evidence the Gover ment has carriage and the sale of arms. Other facts came | The engines have been periodically overhauled. the German Mail Steamers. Mr. MacEwen then before it, that it is absolutely necessary to deal to the notice of the Government at the same and carefully examined and tested, and are all in brought forward a resolution in a different with this Triad Society, and with other similar time, and the recent cases of shooting first rate order, though I should recommend a shape. Instead of moving as in Finance Com-

secret societies. The Ordinance therefore declares and other acts of violence clearly show new Fire-box for No. 3 Engine during the our mittee that the meetings of that Committee the said Society to be unlawful, and provides pun- some fresh legislation respecting the carry- rent year. ishment to the manager and office bearers the eof, ing of arms is necessary. This Ordinance Weekly drills have been held for instruction in future all matters of public interest and more and the second section declares to be unlawful the has therefore been prepared. Section 3 prohi- of Drivers and Firemen in their respective particularly the voting of public funds be dismeetings of the Society, and they are prohibited, bits any Chinese from carrying arms without duties, when steam has been raised on each en- cussed openly in Council and not as heretofore at Under the second section power is given to a reasonable excuse and punishes with fine or im- gine in turn. The system of fines sanctioned by private meetings of the Finance Committee." inagistrate or justice of the peace to enter-any prisonment any infringment. By section 4 the His Excellency has proved successful in the in- In his speech introducing the motion he refers building by dwelling house in which there is Governor in Council is authorised to issue li- creased attendance at weekly parades, and great- to "the discontent and dissatisfaction which reasonable, cause to believe such a meeting is cences to any person for the carrying of arms, er attention to cleanliness and dress. The whole have prevailed for many years past," on the being held. Section 6 relates to what shall be Section 8 to 16 relate to the trade in arms, of the Chinese firemen have been supplied with subject of the private meetings of the Finance primd facie evidence as to what kind of assembly When the Peace Preservation Ordinance of 1884 belts and have been instruct. Committee, discontent which, he says, is not shall be an unlawful assembly, and Section 7 came into operation the quantity of fire, arms ed in elementary fire drill. provides punishment for anyone attending such and ammunition then discovered and taken pos- Considerable difficulty frequently arises at low universal for many years past." Since I came to unlawful assembly. Section 8 prohibits any session of by virtue of that enactment was found water spring tides in obtaining water at various the Colony in 1879, I have never heard of this person from knowingly allowing any such un- to be very much greater than was ever antici- parts of the Praya, when the floating engine alleged universal discontent and discatisfaction, lawful assembly in any building or dwelling, patedorthoughtof and their presence would have proves invaluable. The dredging operations, nor can I find any evidence of its existence in house which may be occupied by him or be under formed a source of very great danger if the when completed on the fore-shore, will remove the past, and I believe that any dissatisfaction his control. Section 9 defines the words "mem- rioters had been able to get hold of them. The what has at times been a great difficulty." ber of the Society." Section 10 declares that Government does not seek to place any restricthat when any writing, or document relating to tion on the trade in arms, but simply wishes to such society is found in any person's possession have the means of controling it if necessary, he shall be deemed a member. Section 11 and if circumstances arise which should render mentions the exception of regularly con- it necessary to take possession of arms it wishes stituted Masonic Lodges. Section 12 continues to know where to find them. Therefore section

Ord. 12 of 1845-that no provision of this gister their names and places of business at the Ordinance shall apply to any person who Central Police Station and take out a licence, shall have joined any of these societies in igno- Section 9 makes it imperative on importers rance of its design, or through fear. With these or dealers to furnish monthly a statement of all observations I move the second reading of this; the arms imported or bought by them during the mouth. Section 11 punishes those who do The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded. not make this return. Section 12 gives certain The CHIEF JUSTICE-Before the Bill is read powers to the Magistrate to hear any complaint the table the report of the proceedings of the a second time I wish to ask whether the Govern- respecting the poss ssion of arms. Section 13

and as I said before, that some Government of upon it. \$10 seems a very heavy fee to charge | two steam engines, is somewhat inadequate to ficial is at liberty, at any time, to attend their for a licence, and there is no provision made for the increased duties and responsibilities. charging rent when arms are stored You would | At the Annual General Inspection in Novem-

> The Acting Att Bener-General-Wowish Brigades and gave them greater interest in their ed simply to charge a nominal sum for the li work; and amongst the Chinese particularly, cence in order to obtain the names of the impor- this has resulted in bringing to the front some fit ters and doulers. If the fee is too high there really valuable firemen. As an instance of the The Bill was then read a second time.

THE STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL. The Council went into Committee on the Bill for Promoting the revision of the statute law by repealing cert in enactments which have ceased to be in force of have become unnecessary. Hon, A. P. MACEWEN said that in the new edition of the Ordinances it would not be necessary to include those that were entirely quashe out be thought it would be convenient to include hose to which reference was made in Ordin-

The Acting Attorney-General said that verything in ferce would be included in the new edition of the Ordinances. With regard to the Ordinances not in force, the collection of the whole of the Ordinauces now deposited in the Supreme Court would afford opportunities of reference to any one who had occasion to consult

The CHIEF JUSTICE said there would be a lis f every Ordinance in chronological order from the date of the commencement of the colony in the new edition, and if any one wished to refer to them he could look at the law as it stood when I the Ordinance was pussed. Hon. P. Ryrie said that if all the Ordinances

were included the cost of printing would be con-His Excentency—It would be more than

The CHIEF JUSTIAN-And it would be use-The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL proposed the omission from the schedule of section 6 of No. 10 of 1865 and No. 2 of 1870.

The Bill was report d with this amendment. BUSIN SS POSTPONED. The consideration in Committee of the Libel

The Bill to amend Ordinance No. 8 of 1879

The Acting Attorney-General gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he number of alarms of Fires, and estimated damage would renew his motion for the second reading for the past year .- I have the honour to be. Bir. of the Bill for the better protection of women

and children, and if time permitted he would

ADJOURNMENT. The Council adjourned until Friday next.

REPORT OF THE ACTING SUPERIN-TENDENT OF THE HONGKONG

FIRE BRIGADE FOR 1886. The following report was presented to the Lo-

leucy the Officer Administering the Government. on the 28th January:-Fire Brigade Department, 7th January, 1887.

SIR,—I have the bonour to submit the following report of the Government Fire Brigade for the year ending 31st December, 1886. During the year the Fire Brigade has performed important work which, as regards effici-

ency, is creditable; though not by any means per-The rapid growth of the Colony demanding additional facilities for extinguishing fires, I recommended the Government early last year to purchase two additional Steam Engines which I proposed to station in the eastern and western districts to be on the spot in case of fire occur ring in either locality. The Government saucts way from England, and a Steam Fire Pump has been fitted to the Steam-lunch Stanley, which

oring up the strength of the available Fig. Eu gines to the following:ightharpoonupNo. 1 Merryweather, floating steamer.

No. 2 Merryweather, land steamer. No. 3 Shand Mason & Co., land steamer.

f placed at the disposal of the Brigade, wil

No. 4 Shand Mason & Co., lund steamer. No. 5 Shand Mason & Co., land steamer ex

proted from England. Manuals—9 in number stationed in different

parts of the colony. No. 2 engine has been 16 years in service, and practice was borrowed from Mauritius. is now fitted with new steam cylinders and valve lalso informed the Committee that in 1878 casing which will render the engine serviceable Governor Hennessy had mude a suggestion

carried on in some cases a regular system of op- 1870, to the whole colony or to any part thereof centres have been supplied with hose and stand | Press, but that suggestion had been disapproved work otherwise than in accordance with their will, deration there would be very great inconvenience been supplied to the clock tower, and the bell of warranted, even if the resolution were carried, in

that they possessed a dangerous power in in extending this Ordinance with all its restrict No. 5 Station has been raised so that its sound giving it effect, until after I had reported the the gaol, that the criminal classes belonged to tive regulations to the colony at large and also can be heard at a greater distance. These, how matter for the decision of the Secretary of State. the Society in large numbers, and that they because the remedy would not be effective. The ever, are anything but perfect as fire alarms, as 3 .- At the second meeting of the Finance fomented-riots and fights. These were thochief number of night passes that are now issued and considerable time must of necessity chapse be. Committee held on 20th July, they reversed the complaints which were made against the So- the fact that they are now transferable would tween the outbreak of a fire and communication previous decision, and resolved that the meetings ciety, and a great deal of evidence was give on greatly interfere with the effectiveness of the for the station. This has been proved several of the Finance Committee should be carried on these subjects. The Commission report that arrangement, and we would not be able to meet | times by the advanced state which the conflatas heretofore, until the question of admitting great weight should be attached to the evidence at the

The whole of the hose for the steam engines

Our staff at present consists of :-

1 Superintendent. I Assistant Superintendent. 1 Assistant Superintendent and Engineer.

1 Clerk. 1 Assistant Engineer. 2 Engine Drivers, Chinese. 3 Engine Drivers, Europeans. 2 Assistant Engine Drivers, Europeans. 6 Stokers

1 Overseer of Water Works. 1 Inspector of Dangerous Goods. 1 Chiuese Assistant 2 Foremen. 4 Assistant Foremen.

17 Fire.nen; Europeans,

46 Firemen, Chiness,

30 Firemen, Market Coolies. 10 Chinese Contingent

15 Watchmen. . FLOATING ENGINE. 1 Assistant Foreman and Engine Driver. 1 Chinese Engine Driver.

1 Stoker. 2 Seamen.

Since the post of second Assistant Superintendent has been abolished and the joint appoint upon the Engineer and his Assistant, who now

her last, a new feature was introduced in the which acted as a stimulus to the members of the efficiency of the Brigades, I may mention that at the recent fire which occurred in Bonham Strand on a Sunday afternoon, within the space of a few minutes of the alarm being sounded, thirteen powerful jets of water were plying upon

At fir t sight our Brigade appears to be not only adequate as regards machinery, but also numerically, but when it is borne in mind that tenore then late of the Enveronment are write able, at any one fire, and that the hilly configuration of the Colony often requires two engines to do the work of one in order to reach the clavation required, it will be seen that the Brigade is under, rather than over, the necessary strength

for a growing Colony like Hongkong. The supply of water from the new Waterworks (in course of construction) will materially assist in extinguishing fires in the upper levels of the Colony, and also in early stages of all fires, if my suggestion with regard to telephonic communication is adopted. But the value of water mains must not be over-estimated, as in a case similar to that in Bonham Strand (referred to hefore) it would be impossible to concentrate such a body of water at any one given point from hydrapts as could be obtained by steam Engines. and the superiority of sait water over fresh, for extinguishing fires is universally acknowledged. I cannot close this report without mentioning the able assistance I have had during the past year from the Officers of the Brigade. I may specially mention Mr. Wagner, who has been acting as Engineer and Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Rae, the chief foreman, and Mr. Campbell, Acting Assistant Engineer. These officers have devoted a great deal of time and attention to their respective duties and the present efficiency of the Brigade is in a great measure due to their untiring exertions. We are greatly indebted to the Captain

Superintendent of Police for the excellent order kent by his Force at the various fires. The systematic working of the Brigade, and absonce of malicious injury to hose and larceny of Government property, is greatly owing to the vigilance of the Police Subjoined is a tabulated form showing the

l vour obedient servaut. JOHN S. BREWER. Acting Superintendent Fire Brigade.

The Hongarable F. Stewart, L. D., Acting Colonial Secretary, &c., &c., &c., THE PRIVATE MEETINGS OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

lency the Governor to the Secretary of State with reference to the meetings of the Finance Committ.e:-Government House.

Hongkong, 30th August, 1886. Sir .- I have the honour to forward, for your consideration, and for such directions as you

may think fit to give thereon, an extract from a local newspaper, giving a fairly accurate report of the proceedings in the Legislative Conneil on the 27th instant. A motion was made on that occasion, after due notice, by the Honourable A. P. MacEwen, one of the new members who took his seat for the first time, the practical effect of which motion would have been the abolition of the Figures Committee. His motion was lost after a lengthy debate, all the Official Vembers and one of the Un-official Members voting for an amen lment.

2.—It will be seen from the papers which I laid before the Council that, at a moeting of the Finance Committee held on 15th July last tioned the purchase of one engine which is on during the recess, Mr. MacEwen moved and carried a resolution that the Finance Committee should suspend all action, until the question was decided by the Legislative Council whether its meetings should not be held with open doors, the object being to admit reporters of the newspapers. As the meeting of the Finance Committee at which this resolution was passed, was not a full one, and as the effect of the resolution was to stop all votes of money during the recess, I requested that the action might be re-considered at a full meeting of the Committee, and No. 6 Deans's (floating) fitted in steam-launch I laid before them a Minute (of 17th July) pointing out the great utility of the Finance Committee, which had now been working satisfactorily since the year 1872, when the that the meetings of the Finance Committ 3 The Government offices and other important should in future be oven to reporters of the by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, and I added that With regard to fire alarms, a now bell has under the circumstances i should not feel

> first meeting of the Legislative Council. 4.—A special meeting of Council was held on 27th instant in order to renew the French Mail September, and to pass a similar Ordinance for should be held with open doors, he moved "that "confined to two or three persons; but has been which may now exist is far from being universal, and that it dates principally, if not wholly, from the resolutions passed this year in favour of a further large vote for Fortifications and of the raising of the Loan at home instead of here, both

> which decisions were undoubtedly most unpopular. In 1878 when Governor Hennessy irformed the Council that he intended to recommend to the Secretary of State that the muetings of the Finance Committee should in future be held in public, he appears to have made this suggestion spontaneously and not in consequence of any representations of public dissatisfaction. 5 — The resolution of the Honographe A. P. MacEwen was met by an amendment proposed by the Acting Attorney General that, "if is not

necessary to interfere with the present practical of Conneil which has been in existence for many

years and which was unmimously adopted by the Standing Rules and Orders of Council Dec. 1836. da'ad 10th April 1894." This amandment was To amount paid for extraordinary repairs supported by the Treasurer and the Chief Justice, and was carried by a majority of three votes. It is stronge that, when Sir Goorge Bowen. laid before the Council for approval on 10th April, 1 84, the new Standing Rules and Orders. which had been drafted by a Committee compowed of the Attorney General, the Treasurer and Messrs. Ryrie (the seconder of Mr. Mac-Ewon's resolution), Sassoon, and Wong Shing. the universal discontent and dissatisfaction, alloged to have provailed for many years past, did ! not prompt some member either to object to the appointment of the Finance Committee or to propose that its meeting should be held with open doors. Instead of this, the new Standing Bules were unanimously adopted.

6.—It was pointed out by the supporters of the amendment that the resolution was unnecessary, since it was competent to any member, when the adoption of any Report of a Finance Committee was moved in Connoil, to raise 'n full public discussion thereon without any previous re cintion. It has not been the practice. June 1 88. however, to do this, and resolutions which have By amount brought forward from last acbeen fully discussed and decided in Finance i Committee, have generally been passed after By not earnings of steamers wards by the Conneil without any observations By interest on investments or comment. The public consequently have had no means of ascertaining the reasons which have induced the Finance Committee to vote the different items, and I admit that in this respect they have some ground for complaint; but it To balance seems to me that it is not the fault of the Government, if the Unofficial Members give a silent vote in favour of sums, the payment of which has been discussed and recommended by the June 1886. Finance Committee.

the present discussion was raised by Mr. Mac-Ewen, that the public had very meagre information on the subject of votes of money that were proposed by Government, and, if a reference is made to my Minutes of the present year, and they are compared with those of previous years. Dec. 1886. it will be seen that I have endeavoured to ambody therein much fuller information then has hitherto been given. When I first arrived in Hongkong no Minutes of the Governor, rsking | July 1980. for votes of money, were laid before the Council. The papers were morely referred by the Governor to the Fi ance Committee and a vote was subsequently asked for and given without any explanation having been given at any time to the public I think it a healthy sign that the indifference which at that time prevailed with regard to public expenditure has passed away and that much keener interest is now manifested in the proceedings of Government.

8.—I am disposed to think that by explaining fully in the Governor's Minutes the reasons why any votes of m new are asked for; by lavi g bereasons for voting money, without admitting the which he is accustomed to play, and retired after | November he handed the laintiff the letter thought, however, that he had made his accept public to the meetings of the Fi ance Committee | scoring 2. E. f. Coxon joined Watson, and the | he hed referred to as offering a renewal. This area conditional, the condition could not affect As has been pointed out to the Council by the pair made it lively for the Club, both batsmen was a Satgrday, and the plaintiff said nothing as the renewal, because it was a condition for a class passage by Holt's line—the second class passage by Holt's line—the was a Condition for a playing well—When the total reached 40 the line what answer he was to give the General which the plaintiff had under the agreement as 7th July, the admission of reporters to these meetings would preclude Government in many wholly confidential nature. This was forcibly reporters present at the meetings of the Finance

9.— he question for Her Majesty's Government to consider in this matter is, whether or and Travers. The former after making 5 got gers the plaintiff referred to giving notice of There was no doubt the company had intended not the me tings of the Finance Committee his legs in the way, and was correctly given dismissal. The plaintiff said be would see about to renew their agreement with i'r. Service, and shall in future be held with open doors, and it is jout. Scaulan replaced him, and a good stand it after Christmas. competent to the Legislative Council at any | not materially increase the second class passage as there would have been a concluded contract This has, I am informed, never been done except | the Club considerably in the batting line, but, sail | Shewan told witness that Service was to con- ing the evidence put feward by all parties was of when the annual jury list is settled, which is to relate, his goose, tough as it was, was cooked tinne at work, natil the closing of the Glass opinion that there was no unconditional accept always done with closed doors. Should it be when he had made 6, and the innings closed for Works, the same as he was. Witness thought he tance, and that the plaintiff attached as a condiconsidered desirable to admit the public in future 145. A caught and bowled by Watson merits did ask Mr. Hantington something about the tion to his acceptance that he should have a to the meetings of the Finance Committee, this special attention, namely, Wilson, who sent a second class passage. He found on referring power might also be reserved for the Committee. very hard one back which was really beautifully liff. De thought the works were only going to back that it was not a second class passage by The question is really whether reporters are to secured. be admitted, as the public hardly ever attend | The Visitors went in a second time, and had | Mr. Deacon said the defence was partly tech- a second class P. and O. or French mail. As meetings of Council, but are content to read the lost six wickets for 100 at gunfire. Sanderson pical. He submitted that the letter as to the there was this condition which was not accorded

paper. - I have, &c., (Signed), W. H. MARSH. The Right Honourable the Secretary of State up 20 in his usual form.

THE HONGKONG $CAN^{+}ON$ ANMACAO * STE @M-BO = @COM-PANY, LIMI ED.

for the Colonies, &c., &c., &c.

The following is the report of the board of directors to the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the office of the Company on Wednesday, the 2nd February, at 3

The directors beg to so but to the so archalders the usual statement of accounts for the half-year ending After paying running expenses, salaries, premia of insurance, repairs and all other outgoings, there remains, including \$12,850.74 brought forward from last account, the sum of \$79,410.45 at credit of profit and loss account. From this sum, to directors rosommend that \$18, 00, or 5 per cent, on the capital, be paid as dividend for the half-year, and that \$ 0,000 b. placed at credit of depreciation and insurance fund. (which will then stand at \$170,000) leaving a bulance of \$11.410.45 to be carried forward to new account. The net carnings show a falling off as ompare I with those for the same period in 1835, but sa extremely low rates both for passage and freight have bee ruling during the past six months, the r sult of the balf.

year' working will, the directors trust, not be considered un satisfactory. During the six months under review the Powen and While Cloud have andergonothe usual annual survey and overhault. It was stated in the last report that exensive repairs to these steamers were not auticipated but upon docking the Powan it was found that her ked-plate vas badly wasted by constant rubbing over the Salt Flats in the Canton river and would require to be doubted the whole length of the ship. As this
was a job which necessitated laying up the steamer for geveral weaks, advan age was taken of the oppor- Baril tunity to place the vessel in a thorough state of repair. and she is now in good order throughout Darlag the Phinos current bilf-year the Kinkiang and Honam will have Watson

to be withdlawn for the annual Government survey The duringe caused by fire to the Centon wharf has been repaire; at a cost of \$8 0, and good progress has on made with the new wharf at Maugo. An amount of S MB411 has so far been expended upon this account, and a further sum of about \$4,000 will be re-The directors regret that in consequence of the

charge of management from a private first to a board o. directors, as annual payment of Toels 5 at dan to the Nam Hoi Magi-trate under terms of the lease of the Company's wharf site at Canton has been overtooked for many years. The arrears which have recently been claimed, amount to \$9,259.24, and have been liwideted from the earnings of the pus hal-year. The new steamer for the night service on joint account with the China Navigation Company, abaded to in the last report has been contracted for with Mestin Ramage & Ferguson of Leith, activarable there on the and a further sum of about £63 for fitting the Trees. with an electric-lighting plant. The interest of the China Navigation Company in this steamer will be three eighths. The ratiring Auditors, Mesers L. Hauschild and A.

O'D. Gourdin, offer themselves for re-elect on-

P. RYRIE, Chairman.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1887.

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Dec. 1880.	ARSETS.	-	3	c.
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Kemittunce account new steamer · Unexpired insurance, 31st December Sundry debtors Fired Joposits with Hongkong & Shang ai Banking Corporation .. Cash on current account with the Hong-

Dec. .836, LIABILITIES. Amount of Capital, 40,000 shares of \$20 surance fund Amount at credit of equalization of dividend fund

Amount at credit of profit and loss account

kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Paronn . White Cloud To cost of steam windless for steamer Kin-To cost of remains to Can on wharf count new wharf at Macao ... 4,894.11 To amount paid the Num Hoi Magistrate's claim for arrears of rent of Canton wharf site, from 27th February, 1872, to 30th June, 1836, at Tls. 500 per annum To directors' and auditors' fees To balance to be appropriated, viz. :--Dividend at 6 per cent, on \$8,000,00 To be carried tondepreciation and insurance fund 20,000.00 Balance to be carried to new

DEPRECIATION AND INSURANCE FUND. By amount at gradit

7.-I have felt for some time past and before By amount brought-from profit and loss account for half-year ending 30th June, 1830 50,000.00 EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDEND FUND. By amount brought from profit and loss se.

> E. & O. E. T. ARNOLD, Secretary. , Hongkong, 22nd January, 1887.

count for half-year ended 30th June, 1888 30, 00,00

CRILKET ONGRONG CRICKET CLUB V. VISIT RS. This interesting match came off on Mon- the year. day last, the 24th ultimo, resulting in a George Robert Baldwin said be had been gind agreement constituted a renewal of it. As fore the Conneil the Reports of the Finance Com- victory for the Inb. Sanderson, the well manufer to the Glass Company. About July last a matter of fact, however, he thought be had mitter, which has never been done before the last known cricketer of the East Coast, captain- herecovered a letter from the General Managers conclusively proved that a renewal of the agreeed the \ isitors, and, having won the toss, as to his powers over the men at the Works, and ment for a year had been offered by the defend. explanation when the adoption of that Report is sent in Watson and Mitchell The latter found he read that letter to the plaintiff separately, ants, and that the plaintiff had uncondithoved sufficient publicity will be given to the the grass somewhat different from matting, on and to the cost of the employes. On the 6th tionally accepted it, Even if his Lordship

the ground for a pretty innings of 17 Sander- Managers. The plaintiff saidhe did not see what a right. son followed, and after making 2 received one of else be could do than accept it, and he did so. His Lordship said, as to the technical objeccases from sopplying important information of a Daw on's best. 3 for 52. Phipps came next. Witness communicated this to Mr. Shewan. tions that had been raised by the defence, it was and he and Coxon quickly raised the score to 71. The plaintiff, at the same time; asked witness to not a satisfactory thing to have to decide a case exemplified in the case of the recent large vote when the doughty left-hander was clean bowled get him as a favour a second class passage to of this nature upon such contentions, but he for Fortifications, when a great deal of information and invalinable 38. After this a ret set in ringland instead of the third class passage thought he should be able to decide this case tion was asked for and was given which would the remaining five wickets falling rapidly for a agreed upon, as he was very ill on the without any reference to those objections. In necessarily have been withheld, if there had been pattry addition of 7 runs to the score. Dawson's way out, and some rough fellow passengers, his opinion there was no contract concluded in nings closed for 78.

VISITORS. Frage Invited. 3. G. Watson (Amoy), h Dawson 17 c Lloyd, b. Wilson W. Mitchell (Caplon), c Smith, b Wilton E. J. Caro (Stanghai), b Dawson : L. P. S nderson (Fooch w), b Bawson

H. G. Pizpps (Feechow), and
Robertson, b Dawson

C. S. Berff (Forbow), b Dawson O b Dawson J. F. J. Gardiner (Foodlow), e Pron (Capton), o somban, b V. B. Fitzg blion (Couton), not out 0 1b w. Davson G. Gray (Cantum), b Smith BOWLING ANALYSIS. First Innings, Balls, Runs, Mai ens. Wickets, Wides Second Innings. HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

A K Travers, o Coxon, b Watson
W. R. Robertson, I bu, Coxon
A de C Seanlan, e Fitzgibbos, b Barff
38 A. A. Lloyd, r Gardiner, b Watson 11 F. H. C. Wilson, c and a Watson H. Fes, h Barff. 5
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SUPREME COURT 25th January. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE RUSSELL. WALTER SERVICE V. THE HONGKING AND " MACAO GLASS MANUFACTURING

COMPANY, SI,000.

Mr. Wilkinson for the plaintiff, Mr. Deacon for the defence. Mr. Wilkinson stated that the plaintiff had

the Works being closed.

much as it was not stamped.

merits of the case.

30,000.00 win produced) informing him that his services and that the thing stood open.

trade were required, and he might be a long in the agreement. time before he could got a situation. Cross-examined by Mr. Dencon-Witness's rather a better c'ass of steamer,

first agreement ex ired on the 18th November. by the P. and O. or French mail instead of a third class passage, as was mentioned in his agroement. He did ment on something alout the passage. He asked Mr. Baldwin to ask the General Agents to give him a second class passage as a favour, as he was very ill on the way out Witness went to the General Agents' office to see about his agreement, and he told as he had the agreement offered him in writing nothing was said about a favour. Witness told by Mr. Baldwin, and he accepted it. Witness Baldwin a Committee, meeting would be held in asked them what they intended doing, and Mr. a few days, and it would then be decided as to Shewan said they would give him a second class what would be done about both Baldwin's and

passage by a blue funnelled boat. Witness said Service's agreements. They had better wait that would not do for him, and wishing them until then. After the meeting he knew tho "good morning" he came away. He took his works were to be closed, and so he did not re-wages to the 3 st December. Witness emitted new the agreements. In the conversations with to mention that at that meeting he soid he was Baldwin witness said to the latter-" You sae promised \$100 to teach some thinese glass out both you and Baldwin are in the same boat ting and during the time he was at work he had your agreements expire te-morrow, and if you twilve boys under tuition. He as ed for that, choose to go home to-morrow we cannot stop and Mr. Huntington and Mr. Shewan said you. If you choose to stop on we can find you they would willingly have paid him, but work for some time longer, and you will get the and Mr. Huntington and Mr. Shewan said 160,000.00 as the trade was in such a bad state they same wages and the right to your passage home. could not give him enything. There was a Baldwin said Service would be glad to stop as specific amount of \$100 mentioned; he was not long as the Company could give him work told he must leave it to the General Managers Witness asked Baldwin not to forget to let him to decide what they would do. The second know when there remained a week's work for

obliged to give it by agreement. the General Managers to all the empl yes of the tioned in the agreement, so he considered they o. place telling them that in all matters between them and their employers they were to refer to Mr. Buld in, as the General Agents senctioned Mr. Wilkinson, in reply to the defence, conwhat he might communicate to them. The tended as before that no stamp was necessary to General Managers did not wish to have them go

By the Court-Until the last written notice from Mr. Baldwin witness never had any intime- provisions of that agreement. By the 15th tion; written of othewise that the works were clause of the agreement the defendants reserved to be closed, but he saw by the papers that at a the option of further engaging the plaintiff meeting of shareholders on the 25th November it was decided to close the works at the end of three years. Therefore the fact of their contin-

be stopped temporarity.

report of proceedings in the next day's news. made a clipping hit for 10 down to the Naval perewal of the agreement could not be put in as to there was no contract, as before there could Yard gates His innings was faultless through- evidence, and even assuming it could be, it was be a contract there must be a consensus of opiniout, his 30 runs being made by fine play. Wat- not such a document as was required by the on between all parties. His Lordship commentson made 28 in capital style, and Barif rattled Stainte of Frauds. The plaintiff's original agree- ed on the way in which Mr. Baldwin gave his ment was for a year from the date of his leaving evidence as to the plaintiff's stipulation for a England, which was on the 19th November, 1885, second class passage. That witness said at until the 1 th Navember, 1886. Any renewal of again that he asked it only as a favour, and then the agreement after that time would have to be that it was not to interfere with his acceptance in writing to satisfy the requirements of the of the agreement. Mr. Baldwin acted on the Statute of Frauds. That letter was, he sub- plaintiff's behalf, and tried to get this second mitted, merely a letter of authority from class passage for him, but, as Mr. Shewan had Messrs. Russell & Co. themselves to one of said something had happened in the meantime, was a Chinese General bearing an official dostheir employees; it was not a letter from one and the matter was kept open pending the meet. patch from Lin Ving-chean, the Covernor of party to the other, such as was required by the ing of the Committee The thing therefore Stainte of Francs. It was nothing more nor never got beyond negociations, and as there was Mr. Yang, an attache of the Governor, and son less than a letter of instructions to Baldwin. He no contract the plaintiff's suit must be dismissed. of a wealthy resident in Shanghal, who is contook the technical objection not because the-Company liked to take technical objections of Baldwin to enter inton fresh arrangement with the misled the plaintiff. plaintiff, but his contention was that the terms offered were never accepted. He was, as to this, but into the not unusual, but painful dilamma of done as to the plaintiff's passage home usking the court to decide which to believe betruth Mr. Huntington and Mr. Shewan were not. | the Glass Company for \$100. There was no doubt that the letter was shown by Mr. buldwin to the plaintiff, but his Chinese. The defendants had paid the many during the rebellion, was in charge of the instructions were that the latter only accepted into court in that case. the terms therein named on the condition that he was granted a second instead of a third class passage home Sr. Baldwin communicated this to My. Shewan, who said that as the terms offered were not accepted the matter would have to stand open until a meeting of the Committee of the Glass Company. At that meeting it was deeided to close the Works at the end of the year. and consequently no further offer was made, and says :- One of those terrible cutastrophes which was sleeping when the collision occurred, and no agreement was come to. The plaintiff was appal by their unexpectedness and a tendant leaving his cabin in his pyjamos, had not time simply kept on at the same pay as before as long horrors occurred on the morning of the 20th to return and dress himself. The loss of life is as there was work to be done and was only on- January. The P. & O. steamer Nepaul, with estimated by the Courier at about ninety.

titled to a week's notice.

reserved the point, and decided to go into the plaintiff.

week. Witness refused to accept that notice in only until the glass cutting work was finished. | washed off the transport as they floated past the face of the renewal of his careement. He went | By the Court—The plaintiff's agreement al- the Nepaul, some clinging to pieces of wreckage, . Probably Mr. A. J. Leach,

Mr. Shewan said he was in the employ of He never accepted his dismissel on the condition Messra. Russell & Co., and it had been one of that he was given a second class passage home his duties to attend to the Glass Company, as Secretary. Witness wrote the letter of the 6th November and sent it to Mr., Balwin by instructions of the General Managers. Provious to that letter witness, had some conversation with Baldwin as to the plaintiff having a lotter from the agents in London giving the passage of his wife if he wished it. Witness sent this letter to know if he would relinquish thom that he thought he had an agreement for that privilege. Baldwin came towitness after the another year. Mr. Shewan said he considered letter was sent, and he said it was all right about witness had a monthly agreement, the same as | Service's wife, but he wanted a second instead Mr. Baldwin. Wi ness told them be denied that, of a third class passage. This was a stipulation.

Witness said he thought he was giving him

class passage, they said, they would give him to Service, as it was necessary to give him a week's settle up all matters between them, and as com- notice. Baldwin told him just before he sent pensation for all other matters referred to. Wit- the letter of dismissal that Service's work would ness considered it no compensation, as they were be finished by about the and of the month. Witness thought the Company had the power to Re-examined-Mr. Baldwin read a letter from give Service which passage they chose as menwere giving him an advantage by offering him

the agreement. He submitted that no agreement to the office. This was, he believed, about July was required at all in fact, as immediately the plaintiff completed his original agreement and went on with his work he was going under other upon the same terms for a peri d of from one to ning his services after the expiration of the ori-

second class by Holt's line.

demon matic shot one past Watson, who left him what answer he was to give the General which the plaintiff had nuder the agreement as analysis shows 6 wickets for 42 runs. The in- Nothing whatever, was said about a monthly this case for a renewal of service for a year. lagreement . On the Pard Decomber witness re There had been negociatious for such a contract For the home team Darby sent in Robertso | coived the other letter from the General | ana | but he thought they had never been completed sent the letter produced to Mr. Baldwin in good hardly necessary for me to state that I shall then took place, a tie with the Visitors being | Cross examined—The plaintiff never accepted faith. No doubt Mr. Baldwin read the letter to carry out, without any hesitation, any instruct reached before Travers was caught for 41. 2 the renewal of the agreement on the condition and it only remained for the latter tions that I may receive on this subject. The for 78. With the exception of Lloyd and Dick. tion that he was given a second class passage, to say whether he would accept the terms offered Chief Justice observed in his speech that it was procompiled 11 and 16 respectively, the rest did He accepted the agreement unconditionally or not Had be there and then accepted them time to direct the withdrawal of stran ers. pected that the Swatow Goose would have sided a favour. Neither Mr. Hantington nor Mr. His Lordship, however, after carefully consider-

any outside boats that the plaintiff asked for, but

Mr. Deacon-With costs, my Lord? His Lordship said that if Mr. Dencon asked gentleman left the steamer in safety but this kind, but because they felt that under the for costs he was entitled to have them, but it died in one of the boats, and it is rumoured circumstances of the case ther were justified in might be questioned, under the circumstance, his body is on board the Nepaul, with five or doing so. On the merits of the case there was whether he should not abstain from pressing for six others. Two noteworthy passengers who no doubt Messrs. Russell & Co. did authorise them. It was quite possible Mr. Baldwin had escaped were Mr. Chang Shu-hoo, formerly

Mr. Wilkinson desired to know what would be Formosan Trading Company. Mr. Sze Shan-His Lordship said the plaintiff was entitled to | Merchanta' Company in Formosa, was also a tween two sets of witeesses, for there could be that; the defendants had never disputed it. passenger, and escaped with some injury to his no doubt that if Mr. Baldwin was speaking the There was a second action by the plaintiff against | foot. Captain Damström, who is well known Mr. Willinson said that was for leaching the the war with France, and for his active service

> THE COLLISION BUTWEEN THE ""NEPAUL" AND A CHINESE TRANSFORT.

DETAILS OF THE DISASTER. The Shanghai Mercury of the 21st January the mails for Shanghai, was, it appears, going is Lordship said there was this, what "half slow" about half-past six o'clock, a fog of

Russell & Co., were the General (Manu- the Nepaul informs us that the shock of the col. parations were made to proceed. At abandoned \$240 of his claim in order to bring gers to the Glass Company. It was the lision was but slightly felt on board the steamer. o'clock, Captain Damstrom was on. with April next for the sum of the suit within Summary Jurisdiction. The original intention to renew the agreement with When she came on deck the bows of the Nepaul were bridge, the second mate on deck, and claim was for wages under a your's agreement dating from the 6th November. The plaintiff-sut to Mr. Baldwin to communicate to him bad then renewed the year's agreement on which there are no standard to the steamer's the steamer's whistle was heard, then a steamer's their are latter was been adopted and has a child, which, however, has been adopted able are instincts, ought to supply the needs not of into another family." This gentleman might steamer's whistle was heard, then a steamer's whistle was heard, then a steamer's whistle was heard, then a steamer's whistle was heard into the transport should be a steamer's whistle was heard. The latter was left to make the considerable control of the considerable control of the considerable control of the considerable control of the have to to added the cost of the voyage to Hongkong claim was for wages under a year's agreement Service, and on the 6th November a letter was enveloped in a cloud of steam and smoke, the re- crew were forward getting up the anchor. A bad then renewed the year's agreement on which Those terms were never accepted unconditionally ens. The latter vessel was then sinking gradually. must-head light was seen. Captain Damstrom he came out from England, and had worked until to witness, and he did not consider the agree. the whole of the saloon deck and rigging being blew his whistle in response. There was a strong the 31st | ecember, when he was discharged, ment was renewed. On the 17th November a crowded with Chinese. While the ressels were in westerly breeze blowing at the time. Almost Committee meeting was held, at which Baldwin collision most of the Europeans belonging to the immediately after the strange vessel's whistle Mr. Deacon objected that the agreement upon was present, but Service was not. Baldwin was transport leaved on to the Nepaul, some catch- was heard a large steamer, afterwards found to to foreign as well as to domestic markets, there which the action was based did not answer the told he might go on with his engagement ing on to the anchor chain, but before the last be the P. & O. Co.'s steamer Nepaul, crashed into of a costume at once graceful, sensible, and advergements of the Statute of France, ings. monthly. Baldwin then asked about Service. European was able to immediate two ships had the West View China has attended to the costume at once graceful, sensible, and adventure of the Statute of France. requirements of the Statute of Frauds, inas- monthly. Baldwin then asked about Service, European was able to jump the two ships had the Wan Nieu Ching, her straight stem tearing whose agreement would terminate the next day, separated. The transport went down in 83 through the side and ripping her open as Mr. Wilkinson contended that this was un and there was considerable work to be done in fathoms of water, and when she settled, her rig- far in as her boilers with as much ease as necessary, as the original agreement was made the cutting hop. Witness said Service could ging; which was above water, was crowded with if she was only a tea chest. The blow was in England, where a stamp was not necessary, go on in the same way upon the same basis as Chinese. There was great difficulty in lower- struck about two feet forward of the furnel and this was merely a renewal of the original the old agreement. A few days after that ing the Nepaul's boats owing to a hard frost dur- on the starboard side, and the after end witness asked Mr. Baldwin how about the plain- ing the night which rendered the ropes stiff and of the sturboard boiler was out away; Mr. Deacon said his main contention was that tiff's agreement, and he said it was all right. unworkable. Six or eight boats, we are in- causing an immense escape of His Lordship said this could only be evidence formed, were lowered, and at the wreck in about Directly the accident happened, everybody was this technical objection to the agreement claimed as to the imstructions given to Mr. Baldwin; the 20 minutes after the collision. While the tranhis Lordship, after some further discussion, conversation could not be evidence against the sport was sinking Captain Alderton of the Ne- on dock in his sleeping clothes, thinking the vespaul had the steamer manouvred so as to keep sel had drifted and strack the bottom. When Witness continued-After this Service called her as close to the wreck as was consistent with he got on deck he couldnot see the Nepaul owing on the 5th November, 1885, he entered into an was chiefly with reference to a cumshaw to him time added to the difficulties which the second in which a lady imprisons herself now. But and ten Annamites. The plaintiff said he was a glass entire, and on him about his discharge, and the conversation safety. A high sea which was running at the to the great quantity of steam which was comagreement with the defendants in that capacity of \$100 for teaching Chi ese. He wanted to boats had to encounter, and led to a greater loss officer, Mr. B. S. Som eer, had already attempted for a year. He left England on the 19th No- know if he was to have it. Witness said that of life than would have otherwise occurred. Most to clear the boats away, but the Chinese passenrember, industrived here on the 28th Lecember, must be left to the General Managers. The of those who were drowned were haddled together gers rushed to them, and swamped one of them, 1885. He worked for the Cmpany and on the 6th plaintiff said he considered he held a new agree- on the top of the salo on deck of the Wan Nien-ching all the occupants but one being drowned. Mr. November, 1886, he got a letter from the Su- ment. Witness expressed surprise, and told him and were washed off by the waves as the vessel. J. Henderson, the chief engineer, and Mr. A. per intendent. Mr. Baldwin (produced), offering there was no agreement in force, and that he had settled slowly down. A number were lost as the Barclay, the second, were up, the latter being

to vr. Hantington and Mr. Shewan at the offices lowedh im a passage out and home by third class while others seemed to be kept affect by their ceeded in saving a number of people. It was are that such should be the decision, though we of the General Agents (Messes, Bussell & Co.) and P and O. or French mail, or second class by thick heavily padded clothes. Several of the passengers also rendered good service in this of the transport, for when the crew attempted to no break in the uniformity of Japan's assimilation he was engaged for a veer. Witness had re- His Lordship asked what componention opuld line, and one Hongkong gentleman*, we are in- lower them the Chinese passengers were panic- of Western civilization. ceived wages of £5 a week. He had no definite have been operating in the witness's mind when formed (we couldn't get his name), specially exert stricken and rushed into them and completely prospects of work when he got home to England. he offered Service a second class passage by the ed himself in throwing ropes to the unfortance filled thom, so as the vessel was in shallow There were but few places where men of his Blue Furnelled line, when that was allowed for Celesticle in the water. He succeeded in get jur water, it was thought best to leave the boats hold of one, or two men with a rope, but the slone, for if they had been lowered, all the ocheavy sea carried them nway. A strong tide capants would have been drowned. As the vessel was flowing, carrying wrockinge rapidly past the gradually sank, an operation which appears Nepaul. Besides the boats sent to the wreek, to have taken less than half an hour, some of the one was kept specially cruising about to pick up people climbed up the rigging and got on top of those in the water. One young girl, a servant the deck houses, davits and any part of the vesof a Chinese Mandaria's wife who, with her sel which was above water, but at the early hour husband, was on board the transport, was, pick- of 6 a.m. many of the passengers were asleep ed up after being half an hour in the water. She below on the coals, of which the Wan Nien Ching was perfectly benumbed and helpless when had a cargo of some 350 tons, and it is supposed brought on board the Nepaul, but made a good re- many of them were drowned. The survivors covery. Her mistres was also very nearly dead when | we're well treated by those on board the Nepaul, taken off the wreck, but was "brought round." more especially the foreigners by the engineers. Both mistress and servant lost their husbands. During the morning a telegram was sent from who were on board the Wan Nien-ching at the Gutalaff to the effect that what appeared to be time of the collision. Two or three Chinese part of a small vessel had floated past, and had who were taken off the wrock living died soon disappeared in the distance. There was, no one afterwards from the effects of the cold and the on it. This was probably the after house of the waves washing over thom. Between 180 and Wan Nien Ching, as it became detached from 19tt of the Chinese on board the transport the wreck and floated away.' It is supposed that were rescued by the boats of the Newall. Most over eighty lives have been lost through the acof these were taken off the wreck, the others | cident. The Ling Feng was to go out last night having been picked up while floating past the to the wreck. Captain Alderton of the Nepaul Neparel. The number said to have been lost has given the Customs the position of the wreck stated to be from 50 to 100, but we were un- as 8 miles S.E. by S. & S. from Tungsha Lightable to obtain precise information on the point. ship.

The greater part of these were washed off the

lost their lives through jumping into the tran-

salon deck, while others are reported to have

kept would appear to have been very efficient.

people on board the ill fated vessel.

.The Courier says:—Among those lost it is said

Formesa, to the authorities at Peking, and also nected with the Lekin office. This last named an assistant manager of the China Merchants Mr. Deacon said he would not ask for the costs. S. N. Company, and now the manager of the ching, one of the present agents of the China in connection with the blockade runners during Wan Nien-ching at the time of the collision, and Messrs. J. Low and J. Sumner were respectively his second and third officers. M: . Henderson was the chief, engineer, Mr. Andrew Barchy, second, and Mr. Robert Grant third engineer, and they all escaped to the Nepaul, but lost everything they had on boardthe transport, not being able to save the smallest thing. The chief mate, Mr. Low, we are told,

occurred with regard to the plaintiff and Bald- some density prevailing at the time. She was ! The N. C. Daily News of the 22ml Januar win, who was the servant of the Company; and then about 38 miles from Woosung and eight gives the following account of the disaster :- Oa those two stated that the terms mentioned were from the Tungsha lightship, and as she pro- the morning of the 21st January the P. & O. offered and unconditionally accepted. What ceeded was blowing her whistle and the fog Co's tender artived here bringing the survivors Mr. Deacon referred to was as to what passed born. No danger was apprehended, and the first from the Chinese transport Wan Nien Ching. between Mr. Esidwin and the General Managers. Int mation those on board the Nepaul had of From information we have collected, we learn Mr. Descon said that if h r. Baldwin had gone such was on their hearing the whistle of a that the transport came over from Formosa with beyond the authority given bin by the General steamer quite close to them. The engines were a load of coals and some two hundred passengers. Manager s, the Company would not be bound by at once reversed, but it was too late to prevent and on the afternoon of the 19th she anchored it. He was prepared with evidence that Mr. the Nepaul crashing, within a few seconds, into three miles off Tung-sha Lightship, which bore Buldwin was only instructed to keep the paintiff | the Chinese transport Wan Nien-ching amid. N. W. by N. & N. The weather was foggy at on at a weekly hiring. He called the following ship, the transport sustaining such injuries as to the time, and consequently the aptain considercause her to sink in about three-quarters of an ed it inadvisable to proceed. On the following. Mr. E. H. M. Il untington said his firm, Messrs. hour after being struck. A lady passenger by morning, the log having sufficiently-lifted, pro-

a renewal of the agreement for another year. He been told he was engaged in the same way as boats from the i'. & O. steamer got alongside. in the engine room at the time the Newarl accepted that agreement unconditionally on the Mr. Baldwin at £5 a week. Nothing more was The officers had to leap from the boats on to the ran into them. The third engineer, Mr. terms mentioned, and centinued working for the to be said than to discharge him.

150,000.00 Company until the 31st December. On the 23rd Cross-examined—Witness considered Mr. Ser- Chinese violently into the bosts. The combined steamer and climbed up by the cable to December he had another letter from Mr. Bald- vice never accepted the renewal of his agreement, effects of feir and the benumbing influence of her forecastle, while others did the same. the cold to which they were exposed seemed to The Cantain of the Nepaul, as soon as the no-7,132.45 would not be required after the 31st, as the Re-examined Witness never instructed Mr. have completely unnerved them. Every effort was cident happened, gave orders to lower the bouts glass cutting business would be finished within a Beldwin to re-engage the plaintiff for a year, made by Captain Alderion to resome the Chinese and despatch them to the resone, and they suc-

THE EMPRESS ON JAPANESE $FEMALE\ COSTUME.$

sport's boats, which it appears they out adrift, and cansizing them. Several of those who acted Her Imperial Majesty the Empress of Japan, on the sauve qui peut principle were picked up addressing the wives of the high dignitaries in some of the boats cut adrift far astern. Cup- and nobles of the Empire. has given expression tain Abbrton, as soon as those rescued were in the following views with respect to the dress frought on boar ! gave orders that everything of the women of Japan :-

possible was to be done for them. They were | "In ancient times' the costume of the women rolled in blankets and placed in the hottest of Japan consisted of an upper garment and a til about 2 p.m. and with Kobe until late in the part of the steamer. The whole of the officers skirt. Following in the wake of the adminisof the Napaul, as well as all the European son- trative reforms instituted in the period of Taimen. were out in the resening beats and perform. | kwa, in the reign of the Emperor Kôtoku, a ed excellent service. The Doctor of the steamer specific style of court costume was fixed and Yokohams about nine-minutes before seven specially distinguished him of by making a established in the reign of the Emreror Jito; o'c'ook on the evening of the 15th Jan. Two gangway of his boat on to the wreck and passing while later, during the reign of the Emperor shocks, within a few seconds of each other, prethe benumbed Celestials along to the boat behind Gensho, the folding of the left side of the dress ceded and followed by slight quaking, were so him. The fourth officer of the Neprul also de over the right side was prohibited. Still later, severe as to throw down chimneys and crack serves honourable mention. Though confined to in the time of the Emperor Shomu, a decree was walls in many houses on the Bluff. The whole his bed for several days by illness hegotup at once promulyated throughout the empire ordaining lasted about 5 seconds, and during the next and mouned a best and worked hard until the last that all women should adopt and wear a style of hour three smaller shocks were experienced. On He went back to bed in a very exhausted state. dress which had been established by law. The the Bluff, the residence of Mr. Justice Hannen, He was so exhausted indeed that he had to be new costume consisted of an upper garment and No. 88, appears to have suffered most, one of helped up the ladder from the boat. The Cap- a skirt, and in some cases women went the length the chimneys falling through the roof into a tain and officers of the transport also manned of wearing two skirts, an inner and an outer. bed-room, and thence to the room underneaththe Newaul's beats and werked from first to last This custom, however, was afterwards prohibited the library. Fortunately no one was injured, in the resoning. There was great difficulty by statute. Thus, until the middle ages, the and the house is in other respects intact. A when the Celestials who were rescued were women of this country, both in cities and in the chimney of Mr. W. D. Walter's house, No. 148, broug't a ongside the steamer in getting them rural districts, continued to wear a skirt, which also fell through the roof and caused some damon board, owing to the high sea. They had to be was generally of a scarlet colour. But about age; while in the case of No. 24!, the mesidence heisted by pulling up the ladder with the Chinese this period dissensions arose among the members of M. Salabelle, three chimneys have fallon. on it. It was 110 m. on the 20th January whon of the Imperial Family as to the succession, and. Other houses have suffered, though to a less the last boatreturned to the Napaul-thaone that a Northern and a Southern Court being form d. was cruising about to pick up anyone floating in the country was for a long time the scene of the water. Every vestige of wreckings had then civil discord and warfare. Under such circumdisappeared. The Napaul anchored close to stances our women were compelled by necessity the wreck and remained there antil the even: to content themselves with only one upper garing: When the weather cleared she came up to ment. Once established as a custom this style lamps lead to fire. In the Settlement the the lightship and anchored. We are informed of dress continued long after the conditions that earthquake appears to have been less violentthat the transport had just weighed anchor had prompted its introduction ceased to exist, at any rate less damage has been caused to and had steam up when the accident occurred, the skirt being dispensed with, and the upper Wa home that the collision was due to the pre- garment simply lengthened to cover and protect in Honmara, the walls of which are oracked vailing grey fog, which was of a deceptive char. the lower limbs. In recent years, since the The direction of the motion seems to have been acter in judging distance, and the transport period of Yenpo, the width of the belt was gra- north-east and south-west and the duration was, being hidden by a fog bank. When the Nopaul dually increased until the costume as a whole as we have said twenty to thirty seconds.—Japan was cight miles from the lightship the pilet, we has assumed its present form. But a dress con. Mail. hear, imagined he was only three miles distant. | sisting only of an upper garment, and destitute At the time of the collision the Captain, pilot, of a skirt, is manifestly imperfect, and ought to and first officer of the Napaul were on the bridge, he supplemented in some way on the lines of the while in the bow there were another officer, an ancient costume of Japan. Moreover, civiliza-English seaman and a Lascar, so the look out, tion has reached a stage never yet attained in kaide, is again in eruption. The mountain is the post history of this country, and everything stated by Professor Milne-in-his "Volcauces of Both Captain. Alderton and the pilot ("r. seems to point to the necessity of reviving the Japan" to have broken out on February 8th Contes), we hear, are exceedingly pained at the old "standing stiquette" of the Nimiwa Court, 1874; October 7th, 1883; January 4th, 1885; lamentable accident, it having been the first for it is evident that the sitting form of etiquette and April 28th, 1-86. In the afternoon of 10th either has had during a long seafaring career, can no longer hold its place in society. If we December last considerable activity was mani-Had the Nepaul been going full speed at the examine the dress of Western women we find fested. Ashes continued to fall for several hours time of the collision she must have out the tran- that it, like the old dress of Japanece women, in the vicinity of Taramai-mura, and on the sport down to the water's edge, and the loss of consists of both upper garment and skirt, and, neighbouring coast even after these had dislife must have been far greater. The Nepaul further, that not only does it lend itself readily, appeared the underground shakings continued. sustained no injury beyond having a few plates to the requirements of the "standing etiquotte" forward loosemed. The Wan Nien-ching was but also affords every facility and ease for ing this time for four days. A large slip ocfrom Taiwanfoo, and had a number of petty changes of posture and for the movement of the curred on the side of the volcano, an area of mandarins on board who were coming to spend limbs. It is, therefore, only right and proper about 1,000 ken square being affected, and stones their New Your here. We understand the body that we should borrow suggestions from the and other debris fell so thickly as to change the of Mr. S. Young, late an Examiner in the Cus- Western style in order to the improvement of configuration of the sea shore to some extent. toms; who died in Formova some months ago, our clothing; But, in endeavouring to bring No injury to life has been reported.—Japam

was on board and went down with the vessel. about this costume reform, there is one con- Mail The rails of the sunken ship are visible at low sideration that ought to receive very special attention, and that is the necessity of utilizing that a good deal was said last year about an The Captain, pilot, officers and Faropean sea. as far as it is at all possible the fabries manu. Asiatic, or international exhibition to be held, on mon of the Nepaulas well as the European offi- factured and the materials produced in this cers of the Wan Nien-ching, all of whom were country. If the products of our own land are saved, deserve, we consider, every credit for their properly made use of, then the reform in quest on the part of the authorities to direct public atearnest and sustained efforts to save the poor tion will certainly tend to impart a powerful tention from the great event of that year—the stimulus to the progress of manufactures and of enfranchisement of the people. Without placing The lady passenger to whom we are indubted the fine arts in Japan, while at the same time it any faith in this silly suspicion, there was still for most of the foregoing details informed as will confer no inconsiderable benefit on merand consequently that agreement did not expire one time that he made such a stipulation, then that she shall never forget the upturned; im- chants and others. It may therefore be expectploring faces of those who came so close to the ed confidently to be productive of good in many should be inaugurated in the same year. Unless Neural and yet were lost, carried away by the respects other than the mere improvement of the the Government had very remarkable confidence high sex running before help could reach them. costume of our women. Passage from an old in their ability to devise a Constitution which into a new order of things, as in this case, cannot needless expenditure of money; but if due care be exercised, if the wearer's expenses are kept proportionate to her means, and if simplicity is always preferred to extravagance, I think it will

> and my hopes in reference to this reform in the costume of Japanese women." The Japan Mail, commenting on the above, says :-- " Élsewhere in our columns will be found un authorized translation of an expression of opinion by Her Imperial Majesty the Empress on the subject of female costume in Japan. It is a document of very great interest, not only because it definitely settles a question which many people believed to be still open, but also because it throws a new light on the matter. Her Majesty makes it quite plain that the ladies of Japan are not invited to adopt a wholly foreign costume, but that they are rather to revert to the fashions which prevailed in their own country when 'stunding stiquette was practised at the Imperial Court. Conservatives who have been granning over the terrible radicalism of We trust that the result may be a speedy and recent times, may, therefore, take comfort. The happy match. 'The candidate should possess fair sex of Japan are to dress as they dressed these qualifications, to wit—she should be centuries ago, borrowing only modifications from Protostant Christian. She should be fairly the West. And they are further recommended educated and understand English. She should to use materials manufactured in the country as be graceful, tall, strong, and selive. She should far as possible. We fear that this suggestion be able to ride or, if not yet skilled in the art will not be easily followed at first. It is too of equestrianism, should have courage enough much to expect that the ladies of Japan, when to practise it after her marriage. She should they set about wearing a cost sine which is quite be from afteen to twenty-five years of age and stronge to them, will have sufficient courage and a virgin. As to her property or social posiingenuity to employ stuffs which have not tion, there are no stipulations. On the other hitherto been applied to such a purpose. Perhaps hand, the advertiser possesses the following if some Princesses and Poeresses set the example, qualifications: -He has no property and is others will be found to follow it. But at the in debt; but has a definite hope of emerging outset, nine ladies out of every ten will be from his embarrassments. He is an official of rendered so timid by the consciousness of in- the Fifth-Class, Sonin rank, and is in the receipt experience that their one idea will be to have of First Class salary. He has a prospect of foreign clothes as purely foreign as possible. securing an independent maintenance should be By and by, doubtless, they will venture to give resign his present post; but in the event of his the rein to their own funcies. But until that failing to realize this prospect, he would be willtime comes, foreign haberdashers are going to jing to grant his wife a divorce. He is well make a vast deal of hay. There is no question vorsed in the Japanese and Chinese languages, about that. What we have to hope, what we and can translate from English. He is strong, hould confidently expect if the manufacturing cooperation of foreigners and Japanese were legal -is that Japanese manufacturers wi ladapt themselves to the new demand. We hope it because of Oriental fashion. His age is twenty-nine years our belief in the capacity of the Japanese people, and three months; he has been once married

of Western ladies also. If this movement prove the tions. means of inducing the manufacturers of the country to turn their energies into a direction pointing mirably suited to its weavers. We cannot beln lamonting it as things stand. Our belief is up living on the floor. But the change need hundred passengers and crow on board, six only not have involved a return to that most irrational were saved. The Administrator at Baolieu and wide use. Europe and America, in their heart junks are missing, one not having been heard of of hearts, are all for a divided skirt. They fully for nearly two months and the other for a appreciate the senseless inconvenience of the bag month. They were each manned by a European who should be the first to step out of the old M. Juliett, the editor of the Saigonnais, groupe? Where was there to be found pluck writes in this style:- "This morning, hearing enough among women to risk anything that the little birds singing in a tree in front of my concurred their personal appearance? Japan window, I asked myself, what becomes of the might have taken the initiative. The hakama little birds in Cochin-China? The reply was, adopted, in a horriby disfluered form, as the ration. But those which are not eaten? I had worp the hakama in Western society, they India, and in Japan the birds are caught and their

YOKOHAMA. Their Majestics the Emperor and Empress of Japan were to leave Xokohoma for Kobe on the 24th Jan, on route to Kvote. On their return journey the imperial party will proceed overland to Taketoyo, passing through Otsu, Nagahama. and Nagoya, and embark on board a vessel at Taketoyo for Yokohama. The house at No. 88, Yokohama, belonging to

Mr. F. E. White, was burned down on the morning of the 20th ultimo, adjacent offices in the occupation of Messra. S. Bing & Co. sharing the same fate. Flames were discovered about 7.30 the previous evening in the cook-house of No. 88, but were apparently extinguished effectually. About 3.30 a.m., however, a renewed outbreak was reported, the result of which was as stated. The property is, the Japan Mail believes, fully insured. Captain Pyne, who occupied the dwelling house, has lost his instruments, but his clothing was insured. A heavy snow-storm has been experienced at

Yokohama and Tokyo. At the latter city the flakes began to fall shortly after midnight on the 17th ult, and continued without intermission until & o'clock on the evening of the 18th, by which time a depth of 13 inches was measured on open ground. The fall began in Yekehama about five on the morning of the 18th and continued till evening, when, after a slight shower of sleet, frost set in. The snow lay over a foot deep, with heavy drifts in places. Lecomotion was very difficult during the day. The telegraph lines to the west were considerably interfered with by the storm. Communication with Nagasaki was quite interrupted un-

An earthquake of more violence than has marked shocks within recent years occurred at extent, chimneys and walls indicating pretty plainly that the shocks must have been very violent. In most houses on the Bluff havor was wrought among glasses and ornaments, but strange to say in no case did the overturning of property. The worst case is probably a house

TOKYO. According to the Nichi Nichi Shimbun, the oloano Taramai, in the province of Iburi, Hek-On the 13th the eruption recommenced, continu-It, will be remembered, says the Japan Mail,

a grand scale, in Tokyô in 1890, and that certain critics professed to dutact in the project a scheme enterprises as an exhibition and a parliament should work smoothly and without exciting politifail to be attended by great and in many instances cal discussion at the outset, it seemed scarcely prudent to invite visitors from all parts of the world to come and witness the experiment. A paragraph in the Nichi Nichi Shimbun removes this source of surprise by referring to the exhibition neither as " Asiatic " nor "International," but on be possible to attain the object hoped for without unduo lavishness. These are my sentiments "Domestic." It is to be a Nai-koku Kangyo Hakurankai, or "exhibition for the promotion of home industries "-the third affair of the kind we have had in Japan, not the first. Our Tokyo contemporary says that the draft scheme, prepared in the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, has passed through the prescrib; channels, and that the date of opening the exhibition will soon be announced. Intending exhibitors are reminded that it is time to think of

> making preparations. A striking matrimonial advertisement appears in the Közuke Shimpo of the 6th altimo. It is in the form of an editorial notice, the translation of which as given in the Japan Mail runs at follows: "One of our friends, desiring to provide himself with a wife, requests us to submit to our readers the particulars detailed below. enterprising and active, and neither drinks no smokes. He recognises the equal rights of weman, and promises never to treat his wife in

COCHIN-CHINA.

SAIGON. A Chinese junk from Hainan to Siam was wrecked a few days ago, says the Saigonnais of that an unique opportunity was open to Japa- the 13th instant, on the Soctrang coast, at a ness ladies. Some change of fashion was un- place called Mythanh. She run on a bank more avoidable. Without it the nation could not give than a mile from land and broke up. Of six and bizarre of all costumes, the European skirt. a Customs junk tried to render assistance, but There was the most perfect form of divided their efforts were rendered useless by the state skirt—the hakama—waiting to be brought into of the sea. It is said also that two Customs

already worn by many young ladies, and recently no-doubt people out them, after previous prepa-Court dress, needed only to be taken into general | to leave this question unanswered." He then favour. We believe that if Japanese ladies had goes on to say that in Fgypt, at the Cape, in would have solved the much vexed problem of feathers sent to the European market. He female costume. To Japan would then have thinks a profitable trade might be established accorned the honour of doing for Europe and in Cochin China in feathers, and recommends America in respect of dross what she had already | that a Japanese feather cleaner should be engaged done in respect of decorative art. But the op. to teach the Annamites, winding up his article portunity is not to be utilized. Very sorry we with the exclamation "poor little birds !"